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COMMENT OF THE DAY

Budget Debate

WHILE the general tenor of the Unofficials' debate on the Budget was quiet satisfaction over the Financial Secretary's achievement in estimating for a substantial surplus despite an anticipated expenditure exceeding \$300 million, a number of pertinent and constructive suggestions were put forward for Government's consideration. Mr. J. H. Collar, in what was simultaneously his maiden and farewell budget speech, made a particularly valuable contribution to the debate. His proposal that Government should endeavour to prepare forward estimates of recurrent expenditure on major development undertakings calls for careful official attention. The idea is commended in full appreciation of the fact that the Financial Secretary has to conform to Whitehall regulations in the preparation of estimates. But, as Mr. Collar gently pointed out, there is no reason why Hongkong should not permit itself some additional unofficial estimating. Certainly it would provide a helpful guide in the compilation of a priority list for major development works, bearing in mind at the same time the Colony's anticipated ability to meet the financial burdens which the projects impose on the community. The Financial Secretary's proposal to institute an Equalisation Fund suggests that he is thinking along similar lines to Mr. Collar, although it remains to be seen whether he is prepared to go as far as adopting what is, according to Whitehall estimates, a revolutionary system.

THE provision of adequate social and welfare amenities for merchant seamen who pass in and out of the Colony was another interesting point raised during Wednesday's debate, and there will be general agreement with Mr. Terry's contention that both the community and Government have moral obligations in the matter. It is disconcerting to feel that such an important place as Hongkong is behind other world ports in affording much-needed relaxation facilities for the mercantile marine, more especially as Government is anything but niggardly in its financial assistance for other good causes. Mr. Terry urges that an amount equivalent to the fees derived under the Sunday Cargo Ordinance be advanced from subventions to help forward the welfare work devoted to the interests of merchant seamen. Government can hardly resist the proposal in light of the original official declaration when the Sunday Cargo Ordinance was introduced that it was not intended to raise general revenue from the fees collected. One other suggestion which came from two Unofficials and which is of prime interest to the public, was that the Police Commissioner should establish the policy of putting the Traffic Department in charge of a "specialist." The arguments advanced were persuasive and logical. The traffic problem, both pedestrian and vehicular, is extraordinarily complex in Hongkong, demanding specialised treatment. Under a permanently established officer possessing expert knowledge, the Traffic Department could be expected to accomplish an even better job than it has done to date—and no one will deny the impressive work which stands to its credit.

500 KILLED IN 'QUAKE

Fires Add To Horrors DARDANELLES AREA HIT

Ankara, Mar. 19.

At least 500 people died in a violent earthquake which shook the Dardanelles area of Turkey last night.

Fire added to the horror of the shocks, which lasted for most of the night. Charred bodies were recovered today from the ruins of the stricken area where 600 houses were flattened and many more damaged.

The epicentre was southwest of Bandirma, a town on the Sea of Marmora—a rural area where bad roads and few telephone lines make a complete assessment of the damage difficult.

The total damage has been provisionally estimated at 2,000,000 Turkish pounds (about £250,000) but the full extent of the disaster will probably not be known for 48 hours.

Experts said the earthquake was the worst since 1941. Had the epicentre been in a thickly populated area the result would have been even more disastrous, they said.

Plane-Shooting Incident

SOVIETS REJECT PROTEST

Propose Conference

Berlin, Mar. 19.

Soviet authorities in Germany have proposed an Anglo-Soviet conference on air safety problems, the East German news agency ADN reported tonight.

The proposal was made in a letter sent by General Vasily Chulikov, head of the Soviet Control Commission in Germany, to Sir Ivone Kirkpatrick, British High Commissioner in Germany. In the letter the Russians rejected as "incorrect" a British protest about the shooting down of a RAF Lincoln bomber over the East-West German border last week.

General Chulikov sent copies of the notes to the United States and the French High Commissioners.

He replied to a joint note of the three Western Allied High Commissioners of March 14 protesting against the shooting down of the Lincoln bomber by Soviet fighters last Thursday and other recent air incidents.

UNACCEPTABLE

"I cannot accept your protest as it is based on assumptions which do not accord with the facts," General Chulikov said. "I regret that the crew members of a British bomber lost their lives."

"In view of the necessity to guarantee the safety of aircraft in future and in order to avoid misunderstanding in this respect, I express my desire that a conference be held in Berlin of competent military representatives of the USSR and Britain."

"Such a conference seems to me to be the more practical, since joint concrete measures could be discussed and resolved to guarantee the adherence of aircraft to the existing flying regulations and thus to avoid regrettable air incidents." —Reuter.

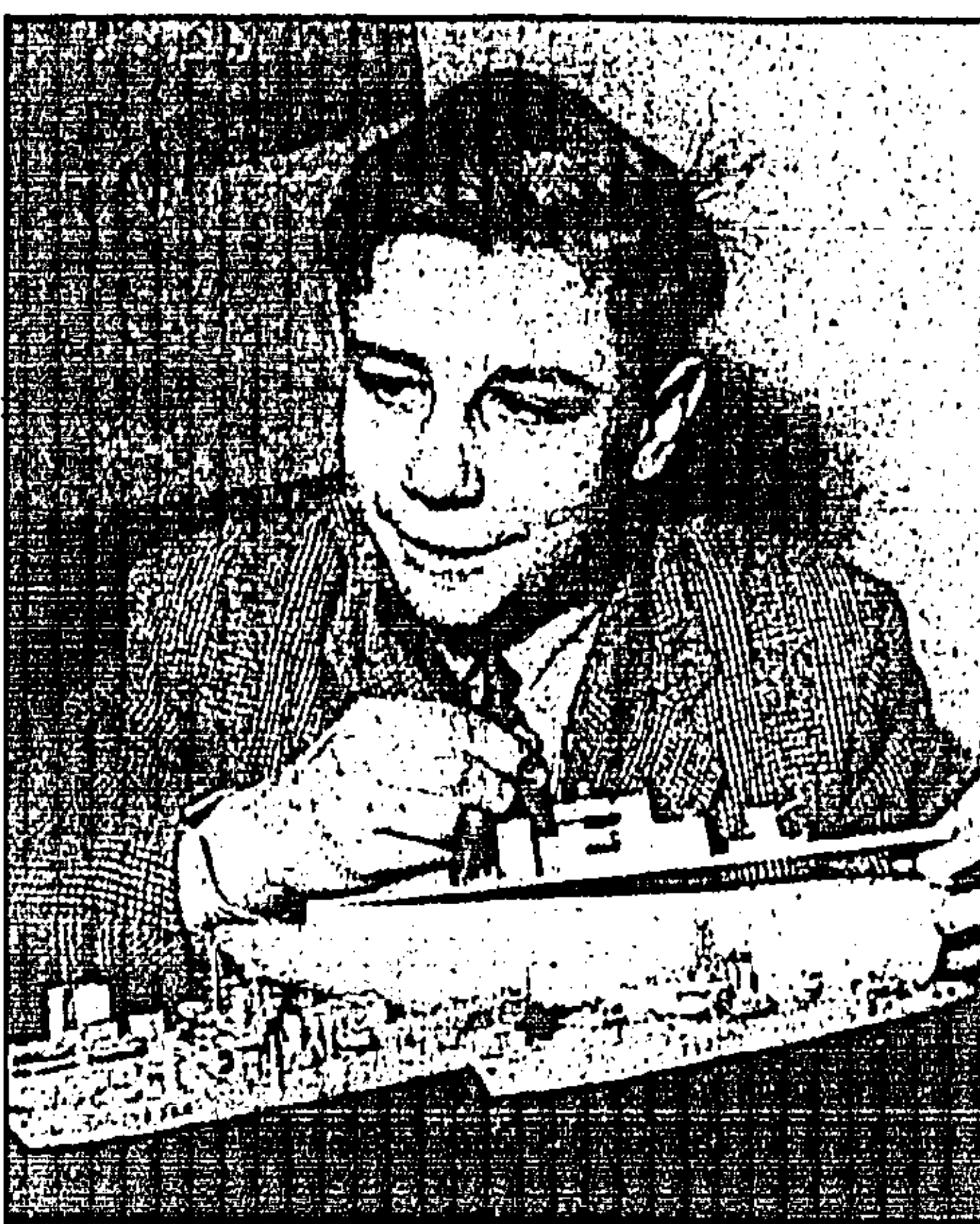
Mines Found In Sunk Submarine

Ostend, Mar. 19.

Salvage work on a German submarine off the coast here ceased immediately today when divers found five tons of mines inside the hull.

The submarine, which a salvage firm is trying to raise, sank during the war. —Reuter.

Caused Flutter In Admiralty



Schoolboy Ian Buxton, 15, pictured here with models of various boats, has upset the Admiralty by producing a book that spilled the Navy's secrets. Ian revealed that he took pictures to illustrate the book in two of Britain's main naval dockyards—Chatham and Portsmouth. Ian sent his book to the Admiralty and one of these was an accurate estimate of the ship's power and one of the Navy's best kept secrets.

Mr Selwyn Lloyd Off To Khartoum

TRYING TO STRAIGHTEN OUT SITUATION IN SUDAN

London, Mar. 19.

Mr Selwyn Lloyd, Britain's Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, will fly to Khartoum tomorrow in a bid to straighten out the tangled constitutional situation in the Sudan.

News of Lloyd's surprise visit was given in a Foreign Office announcement which gave no details beyond saying he would have conversations with the Governor-General, Sir Robert Howe.

But the decision to fly Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden's top deputy to Khartoum indicates the government takes a grave view of the hold-up in carrying out the terms of the February Anglo-Egyptian agreement on Sudanese self-determination.

Diplomatic sources said Mr Lloyd will spend several days in Khartoum and in addition to his meeting with Sir Robert Howe, also plans to have talks with Sudanese political leaders.

There are no plans at present for him to move on to Cairo leaving Khartoum—but he likely will do so if he considers a meeting with General Mohamed Naguib or other Egyptian leaders would help after he has completed his conversations in the Sudan.

Britain hoped she had overcome one of the big causes of Anglo-Egyptian contention when the agreement on the Sudan was reached early last month.

Under this agreement an international electoral commission was to be appointed to supervise the first-ever general elections in the Sudan to choose a Parliament which would be free to decide the Sudan's future form of government.

The election were to be held as soon as possible. British, Egyptian, Indian and United States members of this commission have been appointed—but near-deadlock has been reached in choosing the remaining three members who are to represent the Sudanese political parties.

General Naguib accused Britain of holding up the elections, and Lloyd counter-charged in the House of Commons recently that the fault lies with Egypt.

Under the terms of the agreement Egypt has to approve the names of the Sudanese members, but the exact reason for the hold-up never has been made clear.

5 NOMINATIONS

At the end of last month the Sudanese parties nominated five instead of three members. So a meeting then was called in Khartoum, and the party leaders voted on the five candidates.

Sir Robert passed on to Cairo the names of the three candidates who got most votes, along with a formal request that Egypt approve them.

Egypt declined to do this, and protested the procedure adopted in selecting the candidates.

Since then, Sudanese politicians have withdrawn the names of some candidates, replacing them with others, but no solution of the muddle has been found.

The long delay threatens to sour Anglo-Egyptian relations at a time Britain is preparing for crucial defence talks with Egypt over the strategic Suez Canal and Mid-East defence. —Associated Press.

SLIM LEAVING

London, Mar. 19.

Today's announcement from Canberra and Downing Street that Sir William Slim will sail for Australia on March 28 follows last weekend's hitch in Cairo over the opening of the defence talks. —Reuter.

Churchill & Tito Get Down To Hard Talks

London, Mar. 19.

Marshal Tito, Yugoslavia's President, pored over military maps today with Mr Winston Churchill as they discussed Allied plans to defend the Balkans against possible attack from behind the "Iron Curtain."

They conferred in the Prime Minister's private map room at the Defence Ministry, where huge wall charts of the world's trouble spots—actual and potential—are marked up and flagged daily by senior staff officers.

Military agreements between Yugoslavia, Turkey and Greece are shortly expected to buttress Allied plans for protecting the vital Central European sector. But much would depend on Marshal Tito's ability to stand up to a possible Communist onslaught by orthodox campaigning and resort to sporadic attacks from mountain hide outs.

Britain and the United States are now doing all they can to give the Yugoslav armies the modern weapons and aircraft. But the Atlantic Pact nations are first in priority, and supplies to Yugoslavia are little more than a trickle at present.

Military experts here today believed Marshal Tito pressed his claims to greater priority in explaining his defence difficulties to Mr Churchill.

WOULD MEAN WAR

The Yugoslav-Greek-Turkish agreements signed recently will not affect the commitments of the 14 nations of the Atlantic Pact, but most Western diplomats are convinced that an overt Russian attack against Yugoslavia would mean world war. The agreements are therefore bound to influence Atlantic Pact military planning.

One of the weakest links in Allied political and military solidarity is the continuing discord between Yugoslavia and Italy over Trieste.

The Trieste talks are not expected to yield immediate tangible results but diplomatic quarters believe the Yugoslav President has been urged to go to the limit in seeking agreement with Italy.

Today's talks at the Defence Ministry were preceded by an hour's conference at the Foreign Office. Mr Churchill did not attend this, but Earl Alexander, the Defence Minister, was there with Mr Anthony Eden, the Foreign Secretary.

M. Koca Popovic, the Yugoslav Foreign Minister, his deputy, Mr Aleks Bebler, and two military advisers were with Marshal Tito.

After the talks Marshal Tito gave a formal luncheon party for the British Ministers at the Yugoslav Embassy.

STUDENTS' CHEQUE

Later at his Embassy Tito was presented with a cheque of £12 by three London students, two boys and a girl, all aged 17, to buy books and laboratory equipment for schools in Krugojevac, in Central Serbia.

The Marshal's police escort of 14 armed motor-cyclists—now a familiar part of the London scene—accompanied him on every journey he made through London today. Their roaring engines attracted crowds wherever he went.

Tonight Marshal Tito was due at Covent Garden to see a ballet dance.

Mr Popovic tonight addressed members of both Houses of Parliament at an inter-parliamentary union meeting. The MPs were so keen to hear him that only 30 members were left in the House of Commons during the debate on defence estimates. —Reuter.

Bus Hits Restaurant

New York, Mar. 19.

Eleven people were injured today when a New York bus hit a garage lorry and crashed through the side wall of a restaurant. —Reuter.

West German Govt. Ratifies EDC Treaty

Bonn, Mar. 19.

The West German Bundestag (Lower House) today passed in final reading the Bonn conventions—ending the occupation—and the Paris treaty setting up the European Defence Community (EDC), 10 months after the treaties were signed.

Western Germany was the first of the six EDC countries to ratify the EDC treaty in either house and the third of the four signatories of the Bonn Conventions to tackle the conventions.

Britain and the United States have already completed ratification of these conventions, which give West Germany almost complete sovereignty.

Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, who introduced the treaties today with a speech lasting more than an hour, received majorities of 62 for the conventions and 59 for the EDC treaty. In each case two deputies abstained.

This was substantially the same result as he obtained last December when the treaties were passed in the second reading.

When the chairman of the Bundestag, Dr Hermann Ehlers, closed the debate at the end of nearly one hour of voting, members of his party crowded round Dr Adenauer to congratulate him.

On his way out of the Parliament Dr Adenauer cracked jokes with deputies and journalists and said: "It is a political event of the first rank." "I believe it will give the whole work of European integration a strong impulse," Dr Adenauer said.

In answer to questions he said he was sure the other countries would pass the treaties.

There was a general air of excited relief among the deputies of the coalition parties as they crowded out of the Bundestag (Parliament) building. Many spectators gripped Dr Adenauer's hand as he left the building.

The next stage is for the treaties to go before the Bundestag (Upper House) whose behaviour is something of an enigma to political observers in Bonn.

Dr Reinhold Maier, Bundestag chairman and Premier of Baden-Wuerttemberg, who controls the crucial five votes of his state in the Bundestag, will make a declaration to the press tomorrow.

Dr Maier is expected to throw some light on whether the Bundestag will push its claim, contested by Dr Adenauer to have a power of veto over the treaties and whether it will exercise this veto.

If Dr Adenauer persisted in his claim that the Bundestag had no veto he could in theory send them up to President Heuss in 15 days' time for Presidential signature. He would, however, risk a constitutional appeal by the Bundestag.

A party source said that the Social Democratic opposition would ask the Constitutional Court immediately for an injunction restraining Dr Adenauer from signing the ratification documents—the last stage before passing them up to the President.

This, if granted, would prevent Dr Adenauer from circumventing the Bundestag.

LAST MOMENT PLEA

At the latest possible moment before President Heuss assents to the bills the Social Democratic opposition, according to their own statements, will bring up a formal plea for the Constitutional Court to declare the EDC treaty unconstitutional.

This, if granted, would mean that Dr Adenauer would have to revise the constitution to get his treaties passed. Today's voting showed that he does not possess the required majority in the Bundestag.

The Bundestag ratified three other bills by show of hands. They were the agreement on the tax treatment of the forces and their members, the protocol conferring upon the arbitration tribunal jurisdiction over disputes arising from this agreement, and the convention on the legal position of the EDC forces and their fiscal and tax treatment. —Reuter.

Drought Threat To Crops

Paris, Mar. 19.

The French Farmers' Union today warned that unless rain fell in the next 15 days, breaking the seven-week-old drought, spring crops would be seriously endangered.

The drought was described as the most serious for this time of the year since 1878.

Reserves of cattle fodder are nearly exhausted. Usual grazing grounds are virtually useless.

London—Britain is in the grip of the worst drought since 1928. The River Thames is flowing at half its normal rate for March. —Reuter.

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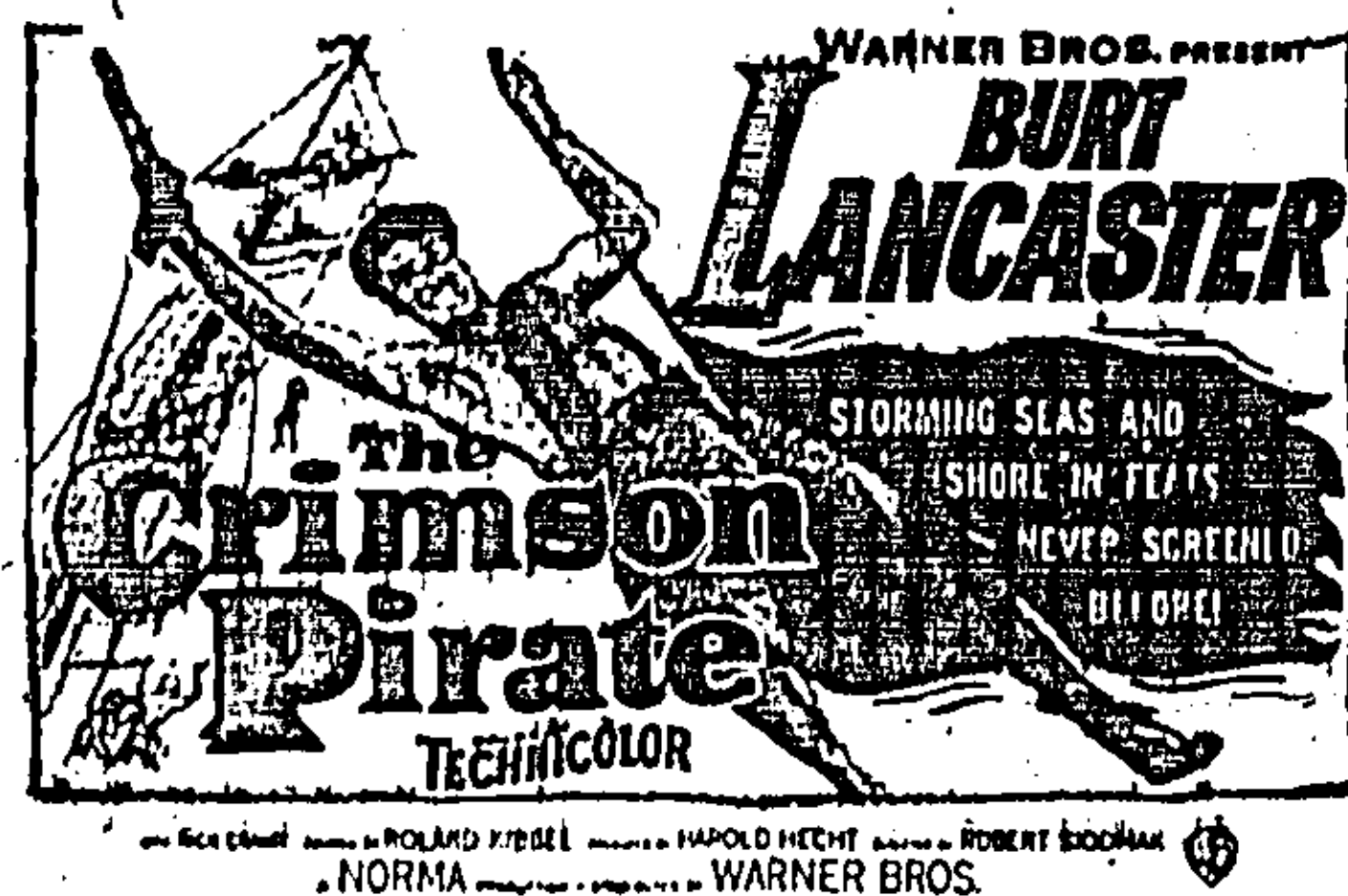
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Circus Service In Four Languages



The first, Gabe Brown of Kensington, London, had to be an accomplished linguist when he held a service to bless one of London's biggest circuses. Members of the crews came from all over the world and the service was conducted in four languages—French, German, Russian and English.—Express Photo.

Covent Garden Rule Broken

London, Mar. 19. The iron rule that a ballerina should not make a stage speech had to be broken for the first time in history at Covent Garden when Margot Fonteyn received a rapturous welcome from an audience of 2,000 upon her return after six months' illness. They stood and cheered her for 15 minutes and piled the stage with flowers and presents as she took 15 curtain calls. Then she made a speech of thanks.—Reuter.

Warning By Turkey To The West

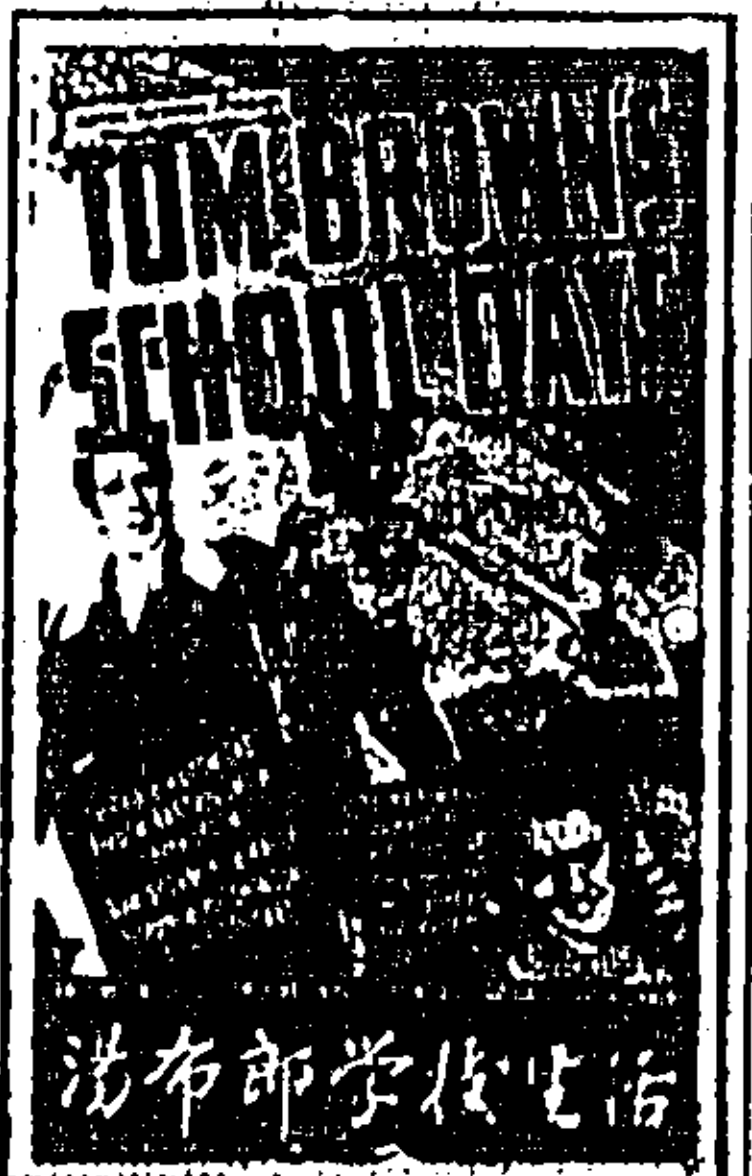
Paris, Mar. 19. The Turkish Premier, Adnan Menderes, said in an interview published here today that the Western powers were certain to be caught napping by spacing out their plans over many years in the belief that they were not affected by the time factor.

"The danger facing us is nothing less than the threat of annihilation," M. Menderes told the evening newspaper La Monde during his recent stay in Paris. "This means that we must take the obligation to make all the sacrifices that are humanly and logically possible—to undertake the defence measures that are called for, both collectively and individually."

The Premier said Turkey attached the greatest importance to the setting up of a Middle East Command.

"As this concerns our own security we are working without any respite for its creation," he said.—Reuter.

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Russian Planes Believed Flying Alaska Missions

Washington, Mar. 19. The Air Force is convinced that Russian aircraft are flying reconnaissance missions near Alaska, Canada and Greenland, high-ranking officers said today.

They disclosed that vapour trails from unidentified aircraft were seen over or near the air base in Southern Greenland last week during the time when Russian-built MIG jets were attacking American and British planes over Germany.

The vapour trails, caused by the condensation of hot air from aircraft engines, constitute almost the only "proof" the Air Force has of Russian reconnaissance flights that appeared on Soviet radar scopes.

While the investigation of vapour trails at high altitudes has yet to prove conclusively the presence of Russian reconnaissance planes it is sometimes established that the suspected planes were not Russian, recently, F-84 all-weather fighters intercepted an unidentified plane off Alaska only to discover that it was a commercial airliner.—United Press.

TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON KOREA

Washington, Mar. 19. Chairman Margaret Chase Smith announced today that her special sub-committee investigation of ammunition shortages will start hearings next week and will focus attention on Korea.

Mrs. Smith said the investigation of shortages in Europe and elsewhere may come later.

The Maine Republican said the first witness probably will be General James A. Van Fleet, former Eighth Army Commander whose testimony before the Senate Armed Services Committee precipitated an ammunition inquiry.

Gen. Van Fleet charged that there were ammunition shortages in Korea throughout the 22 months he was there.

Mrs. Smith discussed plans for the ammunition investigation after a closed meeting of the five-member group that was set up to determine who and what were responsible for the "serious" shortages disclosed by Gen. Van Fleet.

Mrs. Smith said that live television and television newsreels will be permitted to record the sub-committee's public sessions. Meanwhile, Senator Robert Hendrickson (Republican, New Jersey) proposed an immediate check into reports of ammunition shortages facing General Matthew B. Ridgway's NATO forces. He said if a preliminary check confirms such a shortage, Mrs. Smith's group should send a task force to Europe for on the spot hearings.—United Press.

'Voice' Was Asked To Tone Down Broadcasts

Allegation By US Officials

Washington, Mar. 19. Two "Voice of America" officials told Senate investigators today that they were urged last year by Mr. Chester Bowles, then Ambassador to India, to "tone down" anti-Communist propaganda broadcasts to India.

The testimony came from Mr. Gerald Doohar, acting chief of the Voice's service in the Middle East, Africa and Asia, and Mr. Stanley S. Ghosh, chief of its Indian desk.

Mr. Doohar said that a memorandum dated last June outlined that Mr. Bowles urged that we refrain from undue emphasis on anti-Communist propaganda.

The two witnesses went before the Senate Investigations Sub-Committee, headed by Senator Joseph McCarthy (Republican, Wisconsin). The group has been searching for alleged waste and subversion in the State Department's Voice programme.

Mr. Ghosh said he refused to comply with the directive and "had no qualms" because he believed it was unsound. It came, he said, when the United States was under particularly heavy attack from Communist propagandists in India.

Mr. Ghosh described the instruction variously as an "order" and a "guidance." He said it came to him as an inter-office teletype memorandum that "asked us to avoid undue emphasis" on anti-Communist statements of Indian leaders in the texts of propaganda broadcasts to India.

He never got an explanation of the reasons.

NOT WANTED

Mr. Doohar testified that he saw both the teletype message and the June memorandum. "I thought there was no justification for it," Mr. Doohar said, and added that he "felt the same way about" other cases where we were asked to tone down anti-Communist propaganda.

"Elsewhere I was asked many times, and it was suggested many times, that we tone down our broadcasts from an anti-Communist standpoint," Mr. Doohar added. He did not give details.

Mr. Doohar agreed with Mr. Ghosh that Voice broadcasts to India were conducted in "a most discouraging state of affairs." He said the Embassy at New Delhi provided "a great deal of evidence—that we were not wanted on the air."

Mr. Ghosh, himself an Indian, said he knew of no opposition from Indian leaders to Voice broadcasts emphasizing any anti-Communist statements they might make.—Reuter.

Heavy Cuts In Car Prices

Frankfurt, Mar. 19. Price-cutting to fight West Germany's problem of a "constipated car market," as it was called, marked the opening here today of the 30th International Motor Show.

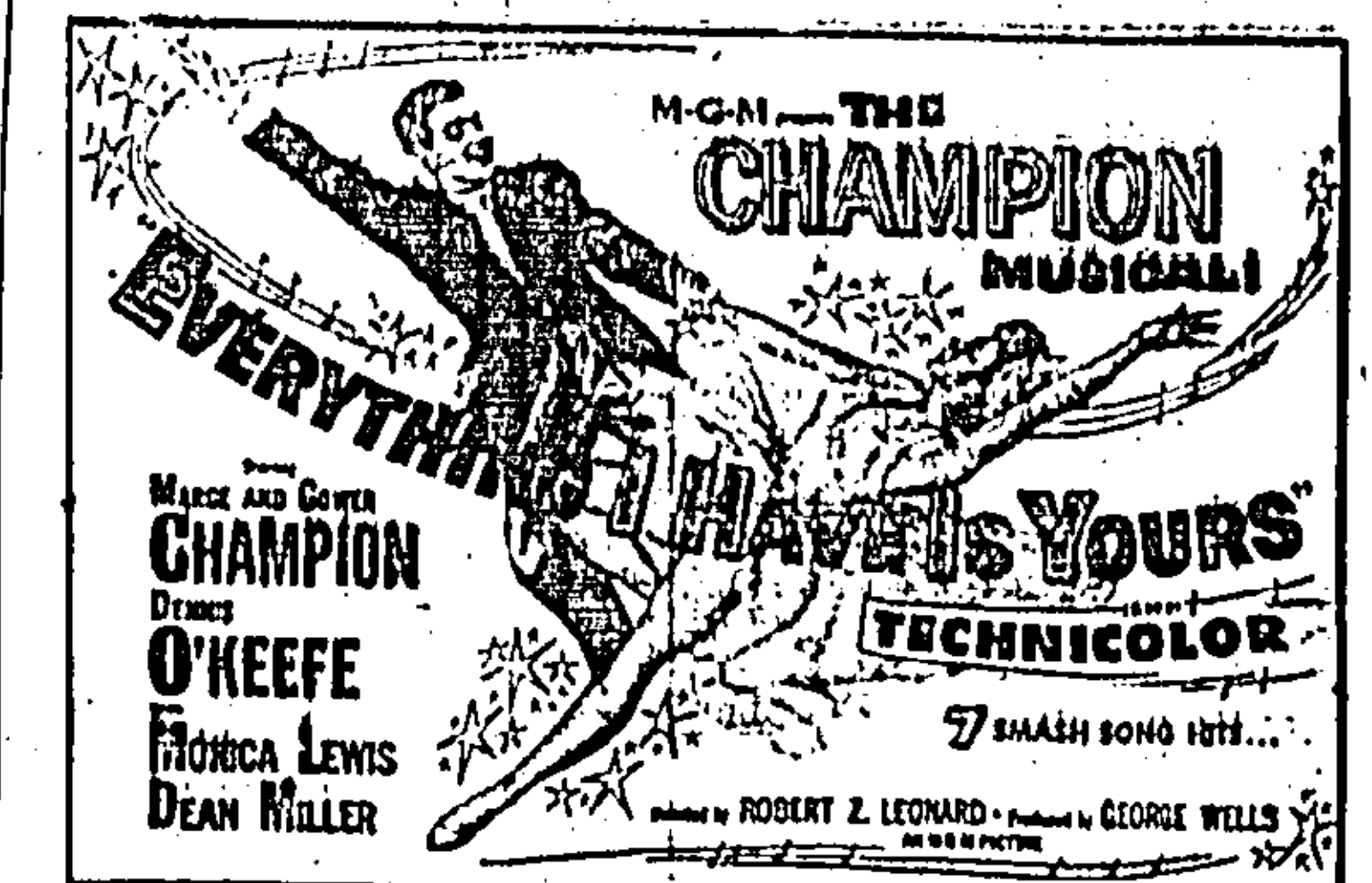
Two of the best-selling types of cars—the Volkswagen (People's Car) and the German Ford—have been cut substantially in price while all West German tyre manufacturers have lowered their prices by between five and 12 per cent.

At the opening ceremony Professor Ludwig Erhard, Minister for Economic Affairs, expressed disquiet at the slackening off in the demand for cars in West Germany and referred to the situation as "the constipated car market."

Surprises of the show included a motorised rickshaw for Far East buyers and a closed-in three-wheel motor scooter designed by the former Luftwaffe fighter builder, Herr Willy Messerschmitt.—Reuter.

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It Tots Up To Moonshine

London, Mar. 19. Scotch whisky drinkers in Britain were in high spirits after a recent announcement that extra supplies would be available for the Coronation.

But today, their happiness was dented. The Scotch Whisky Association issued a statement saying: "In view of the recently increased demand we wish to put the matter in the right perspective."

The perspective view of the increase, one-eighth of a nip extra all round. For the whole of 1953 there will be only 150,000 gallons more for home consumption than last year—a total of 2,750,000 gallons.

The Association said: "We regret the dollar situation does not permit more."—Reuter.

MISS LEIGH ON WAY TO BRITAIN

New York, Mar. 19. Miss Vivien Leigh, looking pale and tired, walked down the ramp from an air liner on the arm of her actor husband, Sir Laurence Olivier, at Lufthansa airport today after a flight from Los Angeles.

Miss Leigh had a nervous breakdown while making a film at Hollywood.

Miss Leigh spent some weeks in Ceylon recently, making location scenes for the Paramount film "Elephant Walk," based on the novel of British author Robert Standish.

Then she had a 72-hour plane journey from Colombo to Hollywood for studio scenes of the film.

She collapsed in the studio while working on these scenes. The flight was believed to have contributed to her nervous prostration.

Sir Laurence Olivier flew to her bedside from a holiday in Italy last week-end. Miss Leigh's condition was so serious that it was decided she should leave her role and return to England.

Last night she was given oxygen and carried to the plane by stretcher for the flight from Los Angeles to New York.

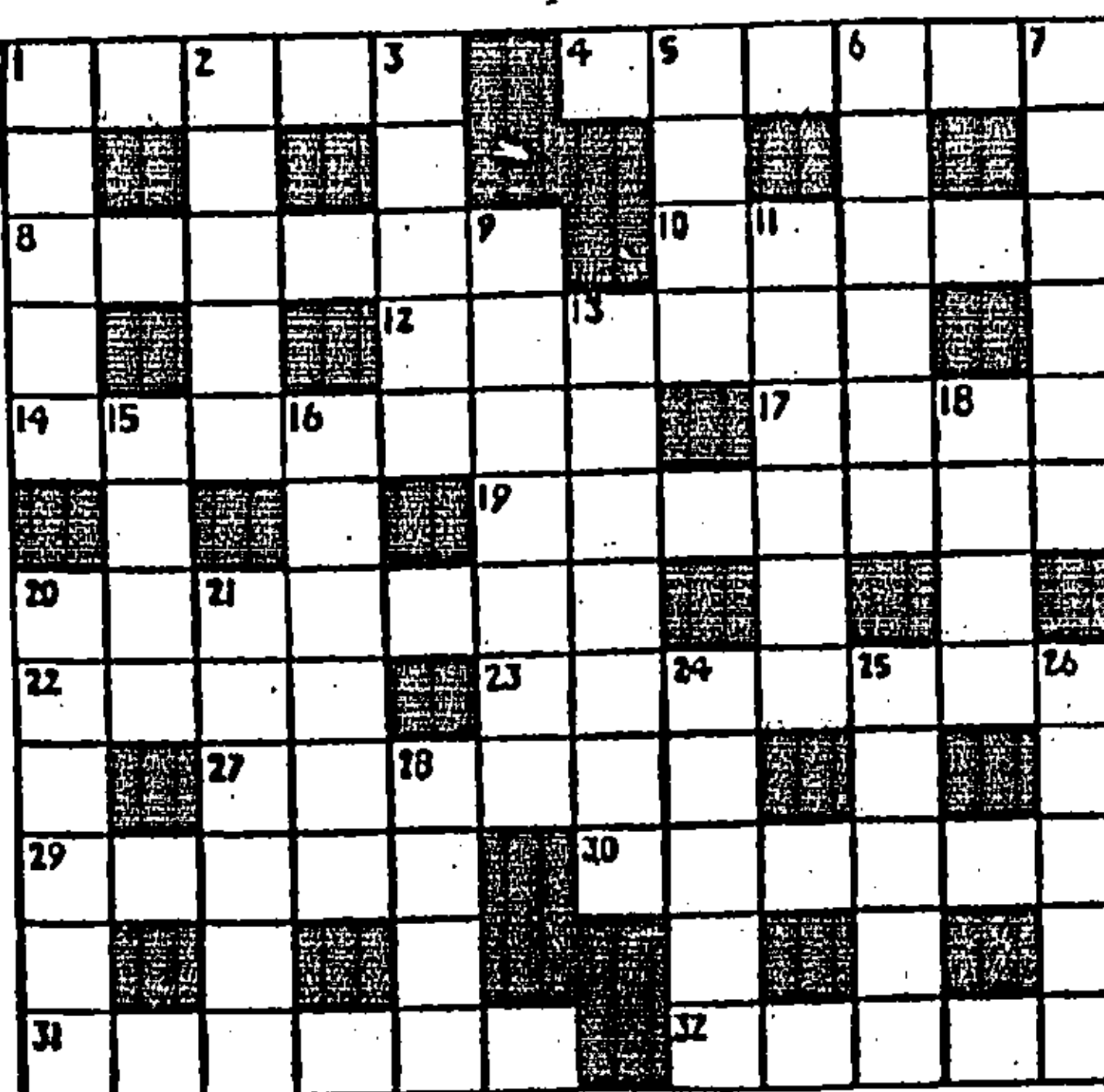
The studio announced that Miss Leigh's role had been allotted to British-born Elizabeth Taylor, wife of the British actor, Michael Wilding.—Reuter.

Trout Gets The First Bite

Otley, Mar. 19. The first "bite" of the trout season goes to the trout, Derek Brown of Otley, Yorkshire, Angling Club, hooked it from the River Wharfe. As it was slightly under the legal size of 10 inches, he had to return it.

The trout bit him as he was removing the hook and drew blood. Brown returned it to the water after this "first bite of the season" in reverse.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Drive back (5).
 - Difficult (6).
 - Fruit (6).
 - Fruit of the oak (3).
 - Religious discourse (6).
 - Table support (7).
 - Mark of a lark (4).
 - Enriches upon (7).
 - Examined carefully (7).
 - Staff (4).
 - Green (7).
 - Venue (6).
 - Stadium (5).
 - Specimen (6).
 - Noisette (6).
 - Encounters (5).
- DOWN**
- Send (5).
 - Chaplain (5).
 - Minimum (5).
 - Silo (4).
 - Made reparation (6).
 - Doctrines (6).
 - Ease (7).
 - Distant (6).
 - Performs (7).
 - Hall (4).
 - Without warning (6).
 - Spare (4).
 - Vows (6).
 - Artificial (6).
 - Territory (5).
 - Successful (6).
 - Look (5).
 - Canceled (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD. — Across: 3 Followed, 8 Reed, 9 Resolved, 11 Compare, 13 Urge, 16 Replied, 18 Director, 19 Stab, 21 Selected, 23 Composer, 26 Bill, 27 Side-line, Down: 1 Chic, 2 Deem, 4 Over, 5 Lick, 6 Water, 7 Dodge, 9 Rapid, 10 Sewer, 12 Overt, 14 Grope, 16 Slide, 17 Dealer, 19 Sack, 20 Armed, 21 Soli, 22 Lean, 23 Toil, 24 Dull.

JUVENILE CRIME MAJOR PROBLEM IN SOUTH KOREA

Pusan, Mar. 20. Rapidly increasing numbers of juvenile crimes in war-torn South Korea are adding to the headaches of the Syngman Rhee Government and South Korea's social workers.

Recent surveys showed that at least 1,200 minors, 99 per cent of them boys, have passed through Pusan's Juvenile Court in the past six months.

Court officials in Pusan estimated that at least 1,000 of the youths were war orphans and approximately one per cent of South Korea's orphans have been tried in open court by Pusan authorities during the past half year.

Court records showed that most of the crimes attributed to youthful offenders were thefts, but that there had been a marked increase in "juvenile intellectual crimes"—crimes in which the thieves must be extremely intelligent.

Minors between the ages of 12 and 16 have outwitted and outsmarted both the South Korean police and the military security forces of the United Nations.

Pusan's Social Guidance Bureau and officials of Pusan's District Court tell a story of remarkably well organized crime rings, and their origin in the aftermath of war.

Crime rings, composed of shoe-shine boys, girl divers, beggars and "messenger boys," frequent Pusan's piers, Government offices and United Nations supply depots to earn their living as best they can. Some of the can't-beat-a-full-pocket-to-police, when they are apprehended.

HUMAN CONVEYOR

These small, dirty-faced urchins are believed to be part of a "blackmarket" human conveyor belt which links port areas with the black market itself. They are the "buyers" and the black market is the actual link with the "consumers."

When United Nations forces first reached a stalemate on the present battle line about 20 months ago, they left behind them about 100,000 war orphans and approximately 80,000 "professional" beggars.

The United Nations Civil Assistance Commission and South Korean Government Social Affairs Ministry joined to build approximately 120 orphanages to give temporary shelter to 10,000 orphans, all under ten years of age. The remainder stayed on the streets, uncared for.

They lived under rubbish, along railroad tracks or among the foundations of buildings, shielding themselves from the cold as best they could and spending their time thinking of ways to fill their stomachs.

Some of them became shoe-shine boys for American soldiers, some became "guides" for prostitutes, others took jobs as helpers for opium peddlers, and still others became "guards."

at the entrance of many blackmarkets which sprang up all over South Korea.

CATCHING UP

Many of these ill-cared for and abandoned children of war joined the underground as guerrillas and Communist agents. But most of them joined gangs of thieves.

Officials in Pusan are now slowly catching up with their activities. Many Communist espionage cases have been solved through juvenile actions.

Pusan's small detention houses for juvenile criminals are so small that many of the more serious juvenile cases have been sent to ordinary prisons to mix with hardened criminals.

National police have attempted to remedy the situation. A detention camp was built on an island off Pusan, but guards have not been able to stop end-leaves escapes. Probation officers said that the little thieves are "just turning up again and again."

South Korean Government officials believe that some of the shoe-shine boys loitering around United Nations installations are actually Communist underground spies who collect vital information from the soldiers as their customers talk among themselves.

Shoe-shine boys and beggars are constantly giving trouble to United Nations Prisoner of War camp authorities. Officials believe that it is extremely easy for a boy acting as a Communist agent to slip a message through to prisoners.

South Korean officials recently issued a warning that any civilian, regardless of age, would be shot if found passing clothing, messages, food or giving assistance in any form to prisoners of war. The warning was an attempt by the Syngman Rhee Government to combat a large communication network operating between Communists and prisoners in the camps.—Reuter.

RARE FIND IN INDIAN DESERT

Rang Nahal, Mar. 19. Sweden's 11-member archaeological expedition in the Rajasthan Desert, North India, has uncovered rare gold coins "never before found" dating back at least to the time of Christ.

Dr Hanna Rydh, Stockholm archaeologist who heads the excavations, declared that three of the gold coins were discovered in a batch of 20 coins of all types in a tiny dwelling room in this excavated village.

"We can always guess that this building was a shop or a business house," Dr Rydh speculated.

She said the coins, which generally have punch-marks in the middle, have been identified as belonging to the so-called Kushan period prior to 100 A.D. It has been the coins which have proved most helpful in establishing the antiquity of discoveries made by the Royal Swedish expedition.

The team has been digging with the help of local villagers since early January.—Associated Press.

Thanks For Rebuke

Paris, Mar. 19. The French Communist writer Louis Aragon today thanked the leaders of his party for their rebuke to him for printing a drawing of Stalin by Picasso in his weekly *Les Lettres Francaises*.

But, contrary to party instructions, he failed to publish extracts from letters which party members are said to have written protesting against the drawing.

In today's issue of the weekly *Les Lettres Francaises* said he fully accepted the contents of the party secretariat's rebuke, adding: "I thank the leaders of my party for having expressed it in these terms."—Reuter.

KOREAN WAR HEROES AT THE PALACE



Her Majesty the Queen recently held an investiture at Buckingham Palace when she presented awards to members of the Services for heroism in the Korean war. In upper picture Private S. Williamson, 1st Royal Leicestershire Regiment, with his fiancée and sister leaving the investiture after he had been presented with the Military Medal. He won the award in action in Korea in November, 1951. In lower picture is seen Sergeant G. Whitmore, King's Shropshire Light Infantry, who received the Military Medal for gallantry in Korea in October, 1951.

U.S. Policy Towards Yugoslavia "Pays Off"

Belgrade, Mar. 19. American policy toward Yugoslavia has paid off, U.S. Ambassador George V. Allen said at the end of his three-year service in Belgrade.

He told the United Press: "I am convinced that the policy we have adhered to strictly of full respect for Yugoslavia's independence and sovereignty has paid off."

"The Yugoslav break with the Cominform was in my opinion, due to the fact that national independence, at least in this country, is a stronger argument than any ideology—economic, political, or whatever it may be."

He added, "The Yugoslav regime has been subjected to the heaviest barrage of Cominform propaganda picturing the United States as a ruthless imperialist power. They are convinced today by experience that this propaganda was entirely false."

"Other satellite areas are still under the same barrage, but I think the example of our policy toward Yugoslavia is being watched closely in those countries. They can compare Moscow's words with our performance."

Mr Allen said that the recently completed Yugoslav-Turkish-Greek pact was one of the encouraging, if indirect, results of the U.S. policy here.

The pact, he said, "is a genuine and spontaneous product of those three countries. At the same time I think the groundwork was laid through the respect which has been accorded Yugoslav sovereignty and the resulting entirely voluntary movement of the Tito regime in our (the West's) direction. I have every confidence that this movement will continue."—United Press.

Not Popular In Darwin

Darwin, Mar. 19. Four Darwin hotels have refused to accommodate Japanese tourists due from Tokyo on March 22. The Police are trying to get them beds.

Two Japanese arriving in the advanced party of 35 are being to Brisbane. Three hotels with beds available for the party refused to give them to the Japanese.

The Chinese proprietor of one hotel said: "They'll be after in twice as much."—United Press.

Korea Service Medal Approved By The Queen

London, Mar. 20. The Queen has approved the design of the medal to be awarded to members of the forces of the British Commonwealth and Empire for service in Korea.

The obverse of the medal is an uncrowned effigy of the Queen similar to the effigy recently approved for the coinage.

The reverse design shows Hercules slaying the Hydra and the word "Korea".

The ribbon is of three yellow and two light-blue vertical stripes arrayed alternately.—Reuter.

OPPOSITION MP'S WALK OUT

Brussels, Mar. 19. All opposition deputies walked out of the Belgian Lower House of Parliament today, thus vetoing a Government request for an "advance" of Belgium's 1953 budget, which has not yet been voted.

The walk-out left 102 Catholic deputies (the Government Party) behind—six short of their full strength. But for a legal vote the Catholics had to have 107 members present, one more than the 212 members in the House.

The Government wanted a credit of one-sixth of the budget to cover April and May.

M. Paul-Henri Spaak, former Socialist Premier, said his party could not vote for the credit because the Government had not made clear what financial policy it intended to follow.

When the Finance Minister, M. Albert Edwards-Janssen, rose to reply, Socialist, Liberal and Communist deputies quietly walked out in a body.

The session was then closed until next Tuesday.—Reuter.

Honorary Degrees

London, Mar. 19. Air Commodore Sir Frank Whittle, inventor of the jet turbine, and Sir John Cockcroft, atomic energy expert, will be made Honorary Doctors of Science by Cambridge University on June 4.—Reuter.

REFUGEES WARNED BY POLICE

Stockholm, Mar. 19. Sweden's 25,000 refugees were publicly warned today against imposters posing as plainclothes policemen and police women to get information on escape routes from Russia.

Mr. Frank Winloef, Chief Commissioner of the Goldenburg, West Sweden, Criminal Investigation Department, issued the warning to the Press.

Refugees should not answer any policeman's questions until he had proved his identity.

He said bogus policemen speaking perfect Swedish were sometimes accompanied by a woman posing as a police official.

They asked refugees from Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania the date and route of their escape to Sweden, the addresses and work places of their relatives remaining in the Soviet-dominated countries and other questions.

Earlier this year refugees in Gothenburg complained to the police that repatriation officers from the Soviet Embassy had been pestering them to return to their own countries.—Reuter.

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Observers here, however, say Britain is more aware of Ceylon's needs and has greater appreciation of the fact that

Britain Will Cut Spending On Ministry Of Food

London, Mar. 19. The Government is to cut spending on civil and revenue departments by about £257 million in the next financial year.

The biggest factor will be a reduction from £275 million to £109½ million, a drop of £165½ million, at the Ministry of Food.

The Ministry's estimate allows for a full year of food price changes announced in this financial year. It also allows for the effect on subsidies and stocks of the decontrol of eggs, feeding stuffs, wheat and flour.

Based on the assumption that the present retail price structure will be maintained, the estimate of £109½ million corresponds to a subsidy level of £221½ million.

A Vote on Account published as a White Paper showed that total estimated expenditure of the civil and revenue departments for 1953-54 is about £2,438 million, compared with about £2,295 million in this financial year, including supplementary and revised estimates.

The Ministry of Education's estimate is £227 million, about £12 million more than in 1952-53, public education in Scotland will cost about £23 million more. Provision for universities and colleges is up from £25½ million to over £27 million. Housing will cost £70 million compared with over £64 million.

A cut of over £1 million, made in the total of Government grants to the B.B.C. this year, is being restored. This makes the estimate for 1953-54 £17½ million, about the same as in 1951-52.

STATE ASSISTANCE

The cost of national assistance is also rising steeply. The Government yesterday had to ask for a further £20 million in the current financial year because of higher standards of assistance approved last April and the larger number of applicants.

Expenditure of the National Assistance Board next year is likely to be nearly £125 million this year.

Savings of more than £22 million are forecast in the National Health Service. The stockpiling of strategic materials will cost £52 million compared with over £80 million.

It is estimated that the Coronation will cost £208,000 in 1953-54, £232,000 having already been provided in the current year.

FOOD SUBSIDIES

A supplementary estimate of nearly £21 million for the Ministry of Food trading services in the current year has also been presented. This provision, bringing the department's estimate to £275 million, is necessary because of increased supplies and earlier arrivals of some foods.

Total subsidies in the financial year ending next month are now estimated at over £331 million. This includes £297 million administered by the Ministry of Food.

The total net estimate of £2,457 million for 1953-54.

Adlai Stevenson Continues Tour

Tokyo, Mar. 20. Mr. Adlai Stevenson left for Formosa today (Friday) on the third leg of his round-the-world tour, after a nine-day inspection of the United Nations Command in Japan and Korea.

A Northwest Airlines plane carrying Mr. Stevenson and his party left Haneda International airport at 12:55 a.m. for Taipei where it was to arrive at 8:50 a.m. (Formosa time).—United Press.

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Russians Nominate Indian Delegate

United Nations, Mar. 19. Russia today formally nominated Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi of India to be Secretary-General of the United Nations, but in what was interpreted as a stalling move, suggested that the Security Council postpone voting on the nomination.

The Council met in its third secret session, seeking agreement on a candidate to succeed Mr. Trygve Lie.

After almost three hours in the locked session room, members of the Council appeared no closer to agreement than before they first took up the subject eight days ago, informed sources said.

At one point, according to information leading out to reporters gathered in a body outside the guarded basement conference room, the Council was on the point of adjourning without taking any action.

At one time, the Council had before it a Chilean proposal to submit to the General Assembly—which must elect Mr. Lie's successor—the names of all three candidates rejected by the Council last Friday.

These were Mr. Lester Pearson of Canada, who received nine favourable votes but a Russian veto, Mr. Carlos Romulo of the Philippines, who fell short of the required majority of seven votes, and the Polish Foreign Minister, M. Stanislaw Skrzyszewski, who polled only the Russian vote.

The Chinese suggestion was withdrawn in the face of opposition. The informants said.

Republican Attacks Eisenhower

Washington, Mar. 19. Representative Daniel Reed (Republican, New York) today abandoned his fight for early House action on his 10 per cent tax cut bill with a bitter attack on President Eisenhower and Republican Congressional leaders.

Mr. Reed, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, angrily accused his Party's leaders of betraying the people and winning office under false pretences.

"They promised the people a tax cut in the political campaign and have now gone back on their word," he stated. "I am opposed to having people betrayed by individuals or by either of the major political Parties."

Mr. Reed's abrupt surrender was a clear-cut victory for Mr. Eisenhower, who had told a news conference just a few hours earlier that he opposed tax reductions until a balanced budget was in sight.

The President insisted on substitute revenue if the Reed bill were passed now.

Mr. Reed, words pouring from his lips in angry haste, asked: "How long will this Republic function as a truly representative government if pledges made by candidates for office are not carried out?"—United Press.

Tattoo To Go On

London, Mar. 19. A mock ambush by Territorials of the "Special Air Service" scheduled as part of a Coronation Tattoo on Parliament Hill, Florida on June 6 was described by Labour members of St. James's Council as "a glorification of war." Their resolution to delete it from the celebrations was defeated.—Reuter.

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WHOSE UNCLE?

BERNARD WICKSTEED
explores the legend of benevolence
that grew round Stalin

WHO was the genius who thought of calling Stalin Uncle Joe? He ought to get the Order of Lenin, the Nobel Peace Prize, and an Oscar with bar for the slickest piece of propaganda this century.

Hitler was never called Uncle Adolf nor Mussolini Uncle Ben, and look what happened to them. They perished miserably.

Think of Napoleon. Supposing he had had a P.T.O. who made him smoke a pipe and called him Uncle May? He, too, might have died in honour with nine doctors round the bed.

History would have been changed had the only grown-up bushy moustache and learned how to give hearty, avuncular laugh. Trafalgar Square could have been Uncle's Park.

It's like going to the pawnbroker. No one likes to do that, but if you call him Uncle he doesn't seem half so bad.

So it was with Uncle Joe. With a name like that he couldn't be as awful as people said. No one called Uncle anything could leave, purposely, millions of peasants to starve.

After all...

FOR that matter, no one with a friendly name like Joe, whether he was an uncle or not, could really want to turn nice clean Britons into slave-labourers. After all, Uncle Joe had laughed and dined with Churchill, and listened with patience to Lady Astor.

There couldn't be a dagger up the sleeve of such an understanding man as that.

Britain is a free and enlightened country, or supposed to be. News is not censored.

Anyone who likes can either listen-in to Moscow in English or else borrow from the library a score of books by disillusioned Marxists. Or they can do both.

If the legend of dear old, kind old, benevolent Uncle Joe can persist in these conditions, imagine what it is like in Russia.

where history has been rewritten with the sole object of making the facts and the fairy-tale fit.

A fellow I know had a vodka session once with a Russian at Nuremberg. The Russian, who was about 25, spoke good English but he had never heard of the British convoys that took supplies through the Arctic Circle to Archangel in the war.

He roared with laughter at the very idea of Western-built tanks in Stalingrad. "There I can prove your Western propaganda false," he said. "I was at Stalingrad myself and all the tanks had red stars on them."

Of course they had. The first thing Joe did when he got them was to paint on red stars.

About the only thing this Russian & of Britain's part in the war was that we had tried to double-cross Uncle Joe by invading Europe too late.

And so well had he been indoctrinated that he automatically rejected as untrue anything that wasn't the Party line.

Uncle Legend

PERHAPS you saw that Russian film, "The Fall of Berlin?" It was released about a year ago and it tells the Uncle Legend very simply.

Stalin the Ever-Watchful, the Fairy Godmother and Good Fairy rolled into one, sends for a steelworker and has him to lunch. With the fervour of a disciple in a Passion play, the steelworker goes off to the war, secure in the knowledge that Uncle is watching.

The actor playing Joe looked so nice and kind and considerate beside the ranting un-unclelike Hitler and Goebbels that he almost had me convinced—till the lights went on and I woke.

Even so, when my children saw the picture of Stalin and Malenkov in the paper the other day and asked who they were, I found myself saying: "Uncle Joe and his friend."

"What's the friend's name?" Is he an uncle, too?" they asked.

"His name is Georgi, and he may become an uncle," I said. "A real one?"

"Well, that's what we've got to find out."

A surgeon prayed for 'hopeless' case

AND A BOY NO OPERATION
COULD SAVE IS NOW BACK
AGAIN AT SCHOOL—CURED

By CHAPMAN PINCHER

THE astonishing recovery of a seven-year-old boy terribly injured after falling from a high building has convinced a leading London surgeon that prayer has great healing powers.

When the surgeon, Mr Richard Hood Metcalfe, saw the boy, he realised that no life-saving operation or medical treatment was possible. So he simply prayed for him.

Now the boy is back at school.

Since then, Mr Metcalfe believes he has had such wonderful results in his work by seeking God's help that he has urged his colleagues to do the same.

HIS PRAYER

He told them—at a private medical meeting in London—that before beginning his rounds of each orthopaedic ward at St James's Hospital, Balham, S.W., he lends the patients in this simple prayer he has composed:

O heavenly Father, giver of life and health, we thank Thee for all the varied forms of Thy divine healing power, and especially at this time for the work of the doctors and nurses and the wonders of medical science.

Hear us now, we beseech Thee, for all who are sick in this ward. Stretch forth Thy hand to restore them to the fullness of life and health.

Bless with wisdom and skill the doctors and nurses, that Thy healing power may flow through them richly to all who are sick.

Then, just before he goes into the operating theatre, Mr Metcalfe pauses and privately asks for divine guidance.

Morning prayers led by the ward sister are customary in many hospitals. But the St James's patients believe they get extra comfort from Mr Metcalfe.

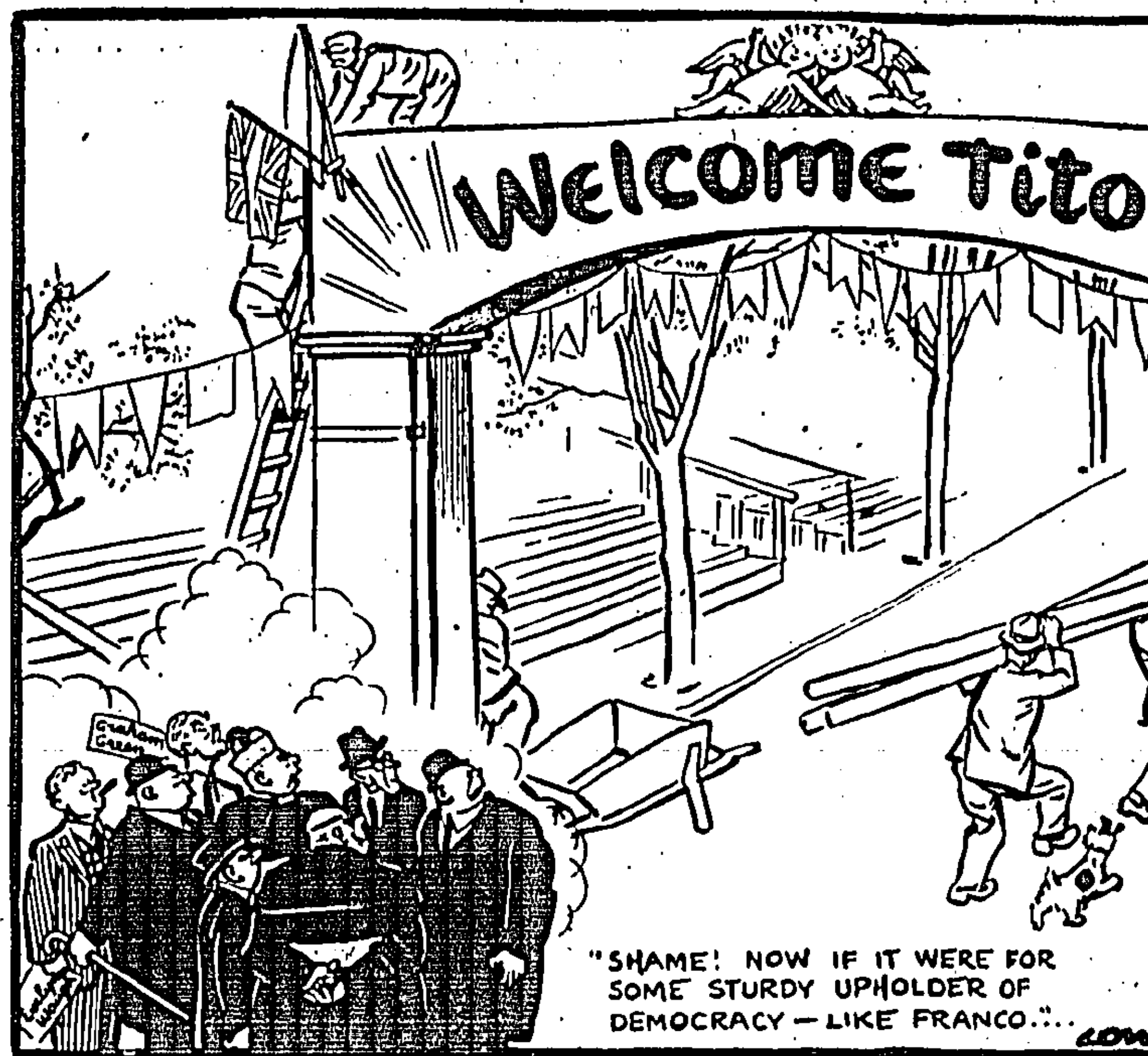
"Knowing that the surgeon is human enough to humble himself before God increases your faith in him," a former patient said.

(London Express Service)

POCKET CARTOON by OSBERT LANCASTER



"Who knows, mon sieur? Maybe it's Marshal Zhukov dressed up as Marshal Montgomery dressed up as Marshal Zhukov!"



"SHAME! NOW IF IT WERE FOR SOME STURDY UPHOLDER OF DEMOCRACY—LIKE FRANCO..."

COMING EVENT

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NEWS ITEM—AMNESTY FOR DESERTERS.... At the news of Mr Churchill's announcement, Russell Braddon was asked to say what it involves. He is author of "The Naked Island," a book of his experiences as a POW in Siam, and he has just completed a close-up study of Men on the Run

NOW A SHADOW LIFTS

SIX months ago, as I walked down Piccadilly, I felt a tap on my arm. I looked round to see a young man who, with admirable candour, asked me point blank for four shillings for a meal.

I said "Certainly not," and was about to proceed on my way when a second look at his face showed me quite clearly—that he was starving.

As an ex-prisoner of the Japanese, I am an authority on starvation—and I do not like it. "I'll buy you a feed," I told him—and did so.

As he ate I got his story.... he was an orphan; he had no background, no sense of status in society, no love for it either; and he was a deserter.

That started me off on a chain of inquiries about the children in London, and the lessons one learns are not pleasant.

ORPHANS

A LARGE proportion of these lads "on the run" and most have been on the run for eight years or more — are the products of orphanages and institutions where, if they have not grown up with an attitude which is downright immoral and irresponsible, at the very best they have become solitary individuals with no background and no future.

The ordinary laws and conventions of society mean nothing to them: their only law is expediency; their only crime to be caught.

Many of them found Service life not strange—it is institutional as their life has always been. But then they go on leave and the trouble, inevitably, begins.

They go on leave with very little money (certainly not enough to last anything like the period they will be away from their base), and because they have no home of their own, no family or childhood friends, they go to London.

No city in the world cares less what happens to its Servicemen on leave than does London.

HUNTED

LONG before their leave is over these youths, penniless and armed with the one principle they have acquired in their childhood (not to get caught) are on the streets. They are ripe material, with their intellectual immaturity and their emotional instability, for crime and vice. The seeds of their desertion are then

And once on the run, for whatever motive, and with however decent an outlook towards society, the deserter becomes a man so hunted that practically his only means of survival is crime or immorality.

Without insurance cards, references, ration book, or taxation code number—and without money—he can get no regular employment.

Without a fortnight's rent in advance he can obtain no accommodation. Without accommodation and a permanent address he is immediately suspect to any potential employer.

He finds himself, in other words, confronted with the vicious circle of no job to earn money to get a room; and, because of no room, no boss prepared to give him a start.

But even should he find employment, the day will inevitably arrive when the taxation inspectors will unearth the fact that here is a taxpayer who has disappeared from nowhere — and straight away he is on the run again.

Here then you have a group of men who have no friends (they cannot afford to move in what may have been their old circles—they would immediately be picked up); who can obtain no regular, decent employment; who for the most part have a chip on their shoulder about society (a chip which we do nothing to remove); who are lonely, uneasy, hunted, hungry, dirty, and sleepless.

MOSTLY PITY

IN a short time the deserter takes to crime. To vice. These are the deserter's classic methods of keeping one's belly full and a roof over one's head, some money in the pocket and the obscurity from the eye of the police which only a bed each night can afford.

These are the methods that are whispered into the ear of every newcomer to the ranks by the old and cynical hands. They destroy every ounce of dignity and self-respect in all these men. They make of them criminals and parasites. They are a nasty sore on the social body which we all do our best to pretend does not exist.

I am an ex-Serviceman from the last war. I am therefore entitled, as much as anyone, to despise these men who shirk their job.

Some of them I do despise, wholeheartedly, because they know better. But for the majority I feel pity because they do not know better, and it is we ourselves who, by allowing these lads to grow up

alone and rootless in institutions which are equally morally rotten; by giving them no sense of social responsibility (and it is an acquired not an innate instinct); by allowing them to leave in the world's largest city with their wickedly inadequate few pounds on which they are supposed to survive for ten, 14 or more days... it is by all these things that we drive them to what they do.

Having driven them we prove ourselves incapable of catching them. More than 20,000 were, up to recently, on the run. Some may now, at last, be living normal decent lives—though lives that are always overshadowed. But many more will have become thugs, spivs, and worse.

BLESSING

RATHER, then, than leave them rotting in society, and poisoning what they touch at the same time; rather than uselessly harrying them round and round Britain, carrying vice and crime with them wherever they go, and seldom catching them—much rather than this let us welcome the amnesty which the Prime Minister announced in the House and frankly acknowledge that the release of these men from the shadow of pursuit is a blessing not only to them but to ourselves as well.

At the same time do not forget that in the children's orphanages, reform schools and institutions, in our indifference to them and our alibi pretence that all is perfectly well in them, that half these problems of today's displaced youth arise in the first place.

Each lasts a quarter of an hour. But mostly she will talk. RARELY has a woman gone into a divorce court to complain that her husband sang to her. Mrs Ruth Haughey does so in Los Angeles. He sang "Beautiful Brown Eyes." Her eyes are blue.

AMERICA COLUMN
from
NEWELL ROGERS

Hollywood Fights Its Stars

NEW YORK.
BAD news for Hollywood stars who work so happily in London studios: Those left at home are to ask Congress to speed their return.

Not that Hollywood's big names have been flocking to Britain and other countries for sheer love of strange parts.

A legal loophole gives them 100 percent exemption on their income, taxes if they stay out of the United States 18 months.

The law was not intended for them. It was to encourage skilled workers to take overseas jobs during the war.

So many stars squeezed into foreign studios to make films formerly made in Hollywood that Hollywood film workers lost their jobs or part of their incomes.

That is why the Alliance of Stage Employees and Motion Picture Machine Operators wants Congress to bung up the loophole. "We will use every means," warns this trade union.

ATOM bosses are getting tough with strikers.

Oak Ridge, the Tennessee town that produces fuel for A-bombs, has been plagued with strikes. The bosses served notice on striking maintenance workers to vacate Government-owned housing by April.

FOR those loyal Britons and admiring Americans who cannot get to the Coronation there is going to be a consolation prize.

The Commonwealth consuls-general in New York are sponsoring a Coronation ball at the Waldorf Astoria on Friday, June 5. It includes a Commonwealth pageant.

GOLD is flowing out of America at the rate of 50,000,000 dollars (£17,850,000) a week. And U.S. officials are not displeased. It indicates that America's allies are doing better in selling things to Americans and entertaining more American tourists.

U.S. gold reserves are so vast the outgo is hardly felt.

AN unusual number of grandmothers are getting passports for Britain.

They are not interested primarily in the Tower of London, or even the Coronation. They are going over to see grandsons and grand-daughters born to wives of Servicemen stationed in Britain.

AFTER pirouetting through the Coronation season at Covent Garden, ballerina Alicia Markova must return to New York for a business appointment—13 TV shows on film.

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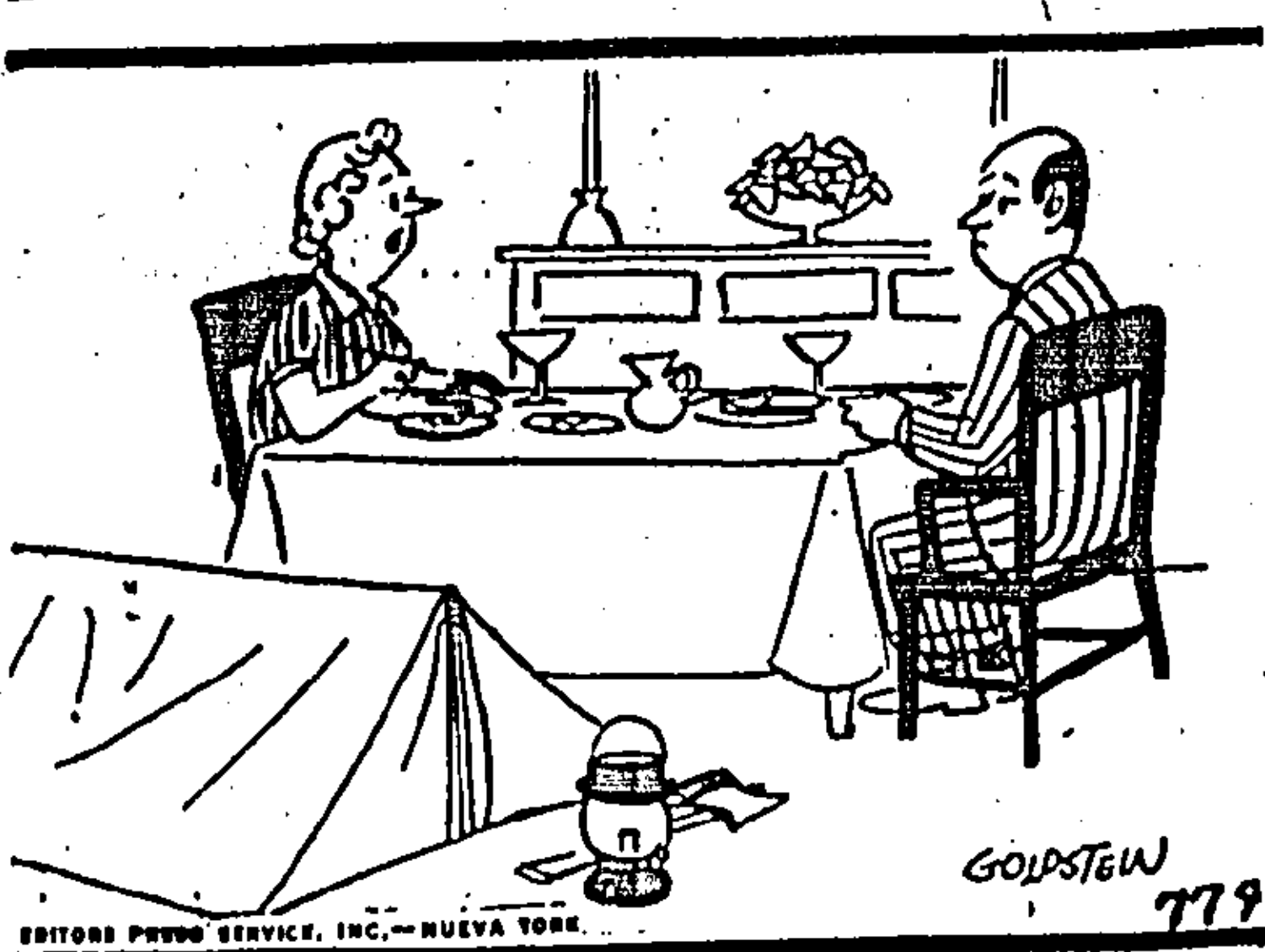
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IN a No. 11 bus a man who had given up his seat to a dog tried to make the dog give up its seat to a woman.

When the dog got off the seat the woman left it vacant for another dog which had just entered the bus. A man sitting in the next seat offered his place to the first dog. When the second dog got off the other woman offered it to another woman. When you've all finished, said the conductor, "we can go now." As the bus started the two dogs began to fight.

The Foulmouth mystery

THE Foulmouth is in conference. That is the inevitable reply to anybody who calls at the handsome new office, a reply given by a secretary whose manner suggests that she would be more at home in a mannequin parade than at a type-writer. The only evidences of a conference in progress are a low musical laugh and the Foulmouth left-mouth, an incessant popping of cork. Every few hours, the ladies arrive for the conference, there is a student call for glasses, and occasionally Foulmouth's voice is heard in song—usually German.

I've got a singing-door in my heart, There'll soon be another along.

Dumbledown-dee

A student of the evening epidemic of ex-courting says that, to maintain the illusion of the old traditional England, the scene should be set in their natural setting. This means, if, says Jack Hopkins with a light laugh, it means anything—that the illusion will be spoiled if the light is roared in a bargain basement or a kitchen in a waiting-room. It must be cooked in

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

BORN today, you are a natural executive. You know how to plan, how to carry out, how to let others carry out. You have an abundance of detail work and should only be concerned with the direction of the plan. You are allowed to execute it in your own fashion. It means anything—that the illusion will be spoiled if the light is roared in a bargain basement or a kitchen in a waiting-room. It must be cooked in

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20) — If you think you need some advice make sure you ask the right person for it—someone experienced.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 21) — Be a moderator when it comes to any dispute just now. Results are much better if you don't take sides.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) — Hastily acted without definite facts can be disastrous. Caution is indicated for you.

CANCER (June 22-July 23) — Avoid all kind of adventuresomeness today. Be it in the realm of ideas, action, or be conservative in business is best.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23) — If an important contract is due tomorrow, be sure that it is something you should sign.

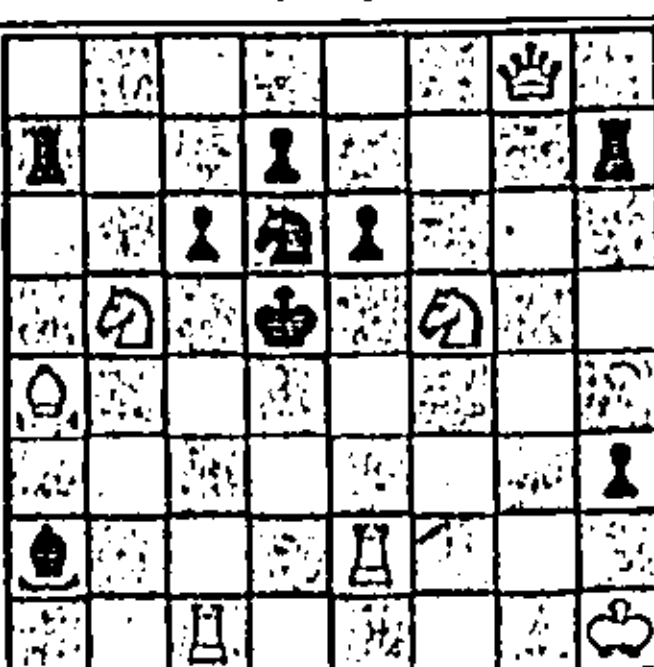
VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23) — This is a day for you. Start early and be efficient. You can finish everything by working hard.

LIBA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23) — Devote your energies to a favourite hobby. It can bring pleasure as well as needed relaxation just now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23) — Be exact in all that you undertake. Inapplicable attempts at getting a job done are useless. Be methodical.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 24-Dec. 23) — Don't push against the picks. Be

CHESS PROBLEM

By S. STAMBUK
Black, 9 pieces

White, 7 pieces, White to play; mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. Kt-B3; threat 2. P-Q5 (dis ch). 1... B-Q4; 2. Kt-Kt5; 1... P-Q3; 2. Kt-R6; 1... B-Kt4; 2. Kt-Q5.

DUMB-BELLS

WAS THIS BIRD BORN IN CAPTIVITY?

YES MA'AM, IT WAS BORN IN AN EGG



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SOL. TO YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE: Across: 1. Analise; 2. Lull; 3. Kim; 4. Lull; 5. (Gossip); 6. Ours; 7. (Faintly); 8. Alibi; 9. Ours; 10. Alibi; 11. (Faintly); 12. Alibi; 13. Ours; 14. Alibi; 15. (Faintly); 16. Alibi; 17. Ours; 18. Alibi; 19. (Faintly); 20. Alibi; 21. Ours; 22. Alibi; 23. Ours; 24. Alibi; 25. Ours; 26. Alibi; 27. Ours; 28. Alibi; 29. Ours; 30. Alibi; 31. Ours; 32. Alibi; 33. Ours; 34. Alibi; 35. Ours; 36. Alibi; 37. Ours; 38. Alibi; 39. Ours; 40. Alibi; 41. Ours; 42. Alibi; 43. Ours; 44. Alibi; 45. Ours; 46. Alibi; 47. Ours; 48. Alibi; 49. Ours; 50. Alibi; 51. Ours; 52. Alibi; 53. Ours; 54. Alibi; 55. Ours; 56. Alibi; 57. Ours; 58. Alibi; 59. Ours; 60. Alibi; 61. Ours; 62. Alibi; 63. Ours; 64. Alibi; 65. Ours; 66. Alibi; 67. Ours; 68. Alibi; 69. Ours; 70. Alibi; 71. Ours; 72. Alibi; 73. Ours; 74. Alibi; 75. Ours; 76. Alibi; 77. Ours; 78. Alibi; 79. Ours; 80. Alibi; 81. Ours; 82. Alibi; 83. Ours; 84. Alibi; 85. Ours; 86. Alibi; 87. Ours; 88. Alibi; 89. Ours; 90. Alibi; 91. 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RECORDS SHOULD FALL AT COLONY ATHLETIC CHAMPIONSHIPS

Records in the sprints, 1,500 Metres, Long Jump and Hop, Step and Jump, Discus, Javelin and Hammer Throws and all the ladies' events are likely to fall at the Third Colony Athletic Championships at Sookunpoo over the week-end.

The long jumpers, hop, steppers and the throwers will be given every opportunity to break the Colony record as they will have a minimum of six trials and, time permitting, as many as 12 over the two days.

Officials tomorrow are asked to be at Sookunpoo by 1.30 p.m.

The following is tomorrow's programme:
2.00 p.m.: Men's High Jump Qualifying Round — six to qualify for the final on Sunday at 2.40 p.m.

Competitors are Victor Lai (HKUAC), the defending Champion, Li J. A. Fortune (Army), 2/Lt. M. W. Wren (Milecarians), P/O. Maule (RAF), George Thumby (HKUAC), Ling Sun (SCAA), Wong Chun-chun (SCAA), A. Payne (Royal Navy), Yau Wan-lun (SCAA), Ian Gerford (HKUAC) and Lt. G. Blight (Army).

2.00 p.m.: 100 Metres Flat First Round. First three in each heat to qualify for semi-finals on Sunday at 2.05 p.m.

Competitors are:
Heat 1 — Stephen Xavier (HKUAC), Roy Spencer (HKUAC), Shok Ka-lim (SCAA), E. A. Cooper (Royal Navy), Chan Fan-tsoi (unattached) and F/O. G. Norris (RAF).

Heat 2 — Eddie Loureiro (HKUAC), Roy Spencer (HKUAC), Fung Kat-lee (SCAA), W. L. McColl (HKUAC), L/Cpl. Crane (Army), LAC Gammons (RAF).

Heat 3 — Chang Yat-hung (SCAA), Lee Wing-kai (SCAA), Hung Chee-kee (SCAA), Lt. Wynne Edwards (Royal Navy), R. Elliott (RAF).

Heat 4 — Wan-lun (SCAA), Shok Wai-man (SCAA), S. Clutterbuck (Royal Navy), F/O R. Roach (RAF).

2.00 p.m.: Men's Shot Put Final. Competitors are L/Bdr. Bertoni (Army), Lau Kam-yu (SCAA), 2/Lt. T. Shenton (Army), LAC Gammon (RAF), Chan Wai-chun (SCAA), G. D. Payne (Royal Navy), R. Helmyer (HKUAC) and P. Kettley (Army).

2.25 p.m.: Ladies' 80 Metres Hurdles Final. Competitors are Wong Duen-ling (SCAA), Jennifer Hart (HKUAC), Toi May-yung (PTGS), Chan Chee-yeuk (SCAA), Ng Shuang-ling (SCAA), Toi So-yung (PTGS) and Rita Hall (HKUAC).

2.25 p.m.: Ladies' 100 Metres Flat. Competitors are L/Bdr. Bertoni (Army), Lau Kam-yu (SCAA), 2/Lt. T. Shenton (Army), LAC Gammon (RAF), Chan Wai-chun (SCAA), G. D. Payne (Royal Navy), R. Helmyer (HKUAC) and P. Kettley (Army).

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2.25 p.m.: Ladies' Shot Put Final. Competitors are Mrs. J. Van Vleet (HKUAC), Lo Man-sau (SCAA), Valerie Jillett (unattached), Mrs. A. C. Thompson (HKUAC) and Jennifer Hart (HKUAC).

2.50 p.m.: Men's 400 Metres Flat heats. The first three in each heat and the three fastest others to qualify for the final on Sunday at 3.50 p.m.

The competitors are:
Heat 1 — Lo Wing-chuen (SCAA), the defending Champion, Roy Spencer (HKUAC), Lee Wing-kai (SCAA) and LAC Large (RAF).

Heat 2 — Leung Kam-po (SCAA), Hung Chee-kee (SCAA), F/O. J. Perdue (RAF) and 2/Lt. Goodburn (Milecarians).

Heat 3 — Sgt. P. Martin (Army), L/Cpl. Lockwood (Army), P. King (Army) and Cheung Chee-yin (SCAA).

3.10 p.m.: 110 Metres Hurdles. Heat winners and four fastest others to qualify for the final on Sunday at 3.30 p.m.

The event may, however, be run as a final if there are not more than six starters.

The competitors are:
Heat 1 — Victor Lai (HKUAC), D. S. Fawcus (London AC), Chan Wai-lun (SCAA) and Capt. J. Mulvaney (Army).

Heat 2 — Chang Yat-hung (SCAA), the defending Champion, N. R. Hughes (HKUAC) and P. Davey (Army).

3.10 p.m.: Pole Vault Final. The competitors are Kwong Lou-chin (SCAA), 2/Lt. A. R. Clegg-Hill (Army), Lau Kam-yu (SCAA), Capt. da Costa (SCAA), J. H. Salisbury (EYMCA) and L/Cpl. Crossley (RAF).

3.20 p.m.: Hop, Step & Jump Qualifying Round. The best six will qualify for the final on Sunday at 2 p.m.

The competitors are CGMS Heiling (Army), the defending Champion, To King-chau (SCAA), Ng Chuan-wai (HKUAC), George Thumby (HKUAC), Cheung Wai-lung (SCAA), Yau Wan-lun (SCAA), Shok Ka-lim (SCAA), G. D. Payne (Royal Navy), George Saunders (HKUAC), Sienna Alan Pendall (Army) and Sgt. T. Moynon (Army).

3.25 p.m.: Ladies' 100 Metres Flat heats. The first three in each heat qualify for the final on Sunday at 2 p.m.

The competitors are:
Heat 1 — Rita Hall (HKUAC), Lynn Ramsay (HKUAC), Lee Shuk-tak (SCAA), Lok Wing-shing (SCAA) and Leung Kar-lin (PTGS).

Heat 2 — Lam Kak-lan (SCAA), Lam Shun-ye (SCAA), Fong Sik (PTGS) and Jennifer Hart (HKUAC).

3.35 p.m.: Men's 200 Metres Flat heats. The first three in each heat and the three fastest others to qualify for the final on Sunday at 3.25 p.m.

The competitors are:
Heat 1 — Stephen Xavier (HKUAC), the defending Champion, CGMS Heiling (Army), Yau Tak-kee (SCAA), Hung Chee-kee (SCAA) and E. A. Cooper (Royal Navy).

Heat 2 — Lt. J. A. Fortune (Army), Fung Kat-lee (SCAA), Lt. Wynne Edwards (Royal Navy), W. L. McColl (HKUAC), LAC Gammons (RAF) and L/Cpl. Harwood (Army).

Heat 3 — Gnr. D. Goodwin (Army), Lee Wing-kai (SCAA), S. Clutterbuck (Royal Navy), L/Cpl. Crane (Army) and R. Elliott (RAF).

3.35 p.m.: Men's Javelin Qualifying Round. The best six will qualify for the final on Sunday at 3.45 p.m.

The competitors are N. R. Hughes (HKUAC), M. Souza (HKUAC), Chan Wai-chun (SCAA), Lau Kam-yu (SCAA), P. Kettley (Army), Lt. Cdr. T. W. Harford (Royal Navy), R. Thompson (HKUAC), F. A. Loureiro (HKUAC), LAC Gammon (RAF) and Sgt. C. H. Smith (Army).

4.10 p.m.: Hammer Throw Final. The competitors are TQMS Tassevine (Army), Sgt. J. P. Docherty (Army) and L/Cpl. Jenkins (Army).

4.20 p.m.: Men's Long Jump Qualifying Round. The best six will qualify for the final on Sunday at 3.40 p.m.

The competitors are 2/Lt. M. W. Wren (Milecarians), the defending Champion, Ng Chuan-wai (HKUAC), CGMS Heiling (Army), George Thumby (HKUAC), To King-chau (SCAA), Shok Ka-lim (SCAA), Shok Wai-man (SCAA), Chan

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4.20 p.m.: 400 Metres Low Hurdles heats. The first three in each heat will qualify for the final on Sunday at 4.25 p.m.

The competitors are:
Heat 1 — A. F. Colacco (HKUAC), the defending Champion, Ho Sal-hung (SCAA), Lee Sek-chuen (SCAA) and F/Lt. G. Charles (RAF).

Heat 2 — D. S. Fawcus (London AC), Hung Chee-kee (SCAA), Lo Wing-chuen (SCAA) and Hung Chee-yung (SCAA).

TIME TABLE
The following is the timetable for the heats and finals of the various events:

2.00 p.m. — High Jump (Qualifying Round, Men).

2.00 p.m. — 100 Metres Flat (Heat, Men).

2.25 p.m. — Shot Put (Final, Men).

2.25 p.m. — 200 Metres Flat (Heat, Ladies).

2.25 p.m. — Shot Put (Final, Ladies).

2.25 p.m. — 110 Metres Hurdles (Heat, Men).

2.25 p.m. — Pole Vault (Final, Men).

2.25 p.m. — Hop Step Jump (Qualifying Round, Men).

2.25 p.m. — 100 Metres Flat (Heats, Men).

2.25 p.m. — Javelin (Qualifying Round, Men).

2.25 p.m. — Hammer (Qualifying Round, Men).

2.25 p.m. — Long Jump (Qualifying Round, Men).

2.25 p.m. — 400 Metres Hurdles (Heats, Men).

2.25 p.m. — 200 Metres Flat (Heat, Men).

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WELSH VETERAN LASTS SEVEN ROUNDS



Tommy Farr (left) and Don Cockell are seen during a fight which took place in Nottingham. Farr, nearly 39, was so badly cut and bruised that the referee stopped the fight after the seventh round. His opponent, Don Cockell, is 24 years old. — China Mail Photo.

Tomorrow's Chances At The Valley By "RAPIER"

The Mount Gough Handicap for Class 2 ponies will be the main attraction of the Hongkong Jockey Club's 11th Race Meeting of the current season at Happy Valley tomorrow afternoon.

This is the seventh race on the programme and it will be contested over the Champion distance.

The first Saddling Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. with the first race starting at 2 p.m. sharp.

Here are my estimates of the chances.

FIRST RACE
Mount Gough Handicap (First Section): One Mile.

The curtain rises with this event for Class 9 ponies, with Novice jockeys as pilots, and a most interesting race should ensue.

I think Fortune Teller (Mr. Koon Kai-Ten), has a good opportunity of scoring a win in view of its performance in the Ayr Handicap (Second Section) from the 1½ Mile Post at the Eighth Race Meeting, when it came in third.

Penforce (Mr. H. K. Cheng) is about the next best in this crowd, as it was recently demoted from Class 8 and has been showing improved form lately. It will give Fortune Teller a keen fight.

Bonnie Eyes (Mr. L. Y. Leung) is improving in its track work in morning gallops and it will not surprise me to see it fighting out the finish.

Gracechurch (Mr. Yen Ching-lun) and Prairie Moon (Mr. E. S. Wang), should also receive some consideration, especially the former, which is not bad.

SECOND RACE
Mount Butler Handicap: Six Furlongs.

In this sprint race for Class 9 ponies, I don't think it is necessary to look further than Colin (Mr. Oliveira) for the likely winner. It will be called upon to carry 155 lbs. tomorrow, but having regard to the short distance and the fact that it won the Magazine Cup Handicap (First Section), carrying 155 lbs. over this same distance for Class 10A ponies at the last meeting, I believe that this pony is capable of winning again here.

Busy Bee (Mr. Samarcq), which was second in the Doncaster Handicap at the last meeting, is the next best and may just about secure second place.

A keen struggle should ensue between Eudora (Mr. Boycott) and A Grand Time (Mr. H. S. Chang).

THIRD RACE
Mount Parker Plate (First Section): From 2 Mile Post.

This event will be contested by 1953 Ponies, with a proviso that ponies which have won more than \$1,000 in stakes are barred. Weight 147 lbs. Penally 4 lbs. for winners of \$1,000 in stakes.

I don't think I will be far wrong in stating that Gold Crown (Mr. Pote-Hunt), has the best recommendation for the premier position.

Fourth Race
Mount Cameron Handicap: Six Furlongs.

This is another sprint event in which Class 10B ponies will participate. Judging from its run in the Inducement Handicap over the Two-Mile Post at the Annual Meeting, Windermere, which will again be taken out by Mr. Samarcq, will probably do better over this distance and a win here is quite possible.

Real opposition should come from Skyrocket (Mr. C. A. Lee). After its disappointing run the last time out, Double Coin (Mr. S. W. Tang) may not be well supported, but it should not be neglected as this pony runs quite well at morning gallops. Baylight (Mr. Boycott) may prove dangerous, although it failed to gain a place the last time out. I believe it is about due for a win.

SEVENTH RACE
Mount Gough Handicap: 1½ Miles.

This race for Class 2 ponies may be regarded as the outstanding event of the day and will be contested at a very fast pace, with every prospect of a grand finish.

As a result of its win in the P. & O. Cup over this distance for Class 3 ponies at the last qualification of Prestwood, the first pony at the Carnival, Meadowbrook, which will again be Mr. Kwok's mount, will be carrying 4 lbs. less, i.e. 155 lbs. It will be able to win against this lesser class of ponies.

Personally, I think it is capable of winning, as it has improved immensely.

Top Secret (Mr. Ostroumoff), which lost to Aviemore by 1½ lengths in the Ladies' Purse over the Mile, has gone up in weight by 10 lbs. and must, therefore, be seriously considered as a potential winner.

Bankfoot (Mr. Samarcq), after coming third in the Knavesmire Handicap (First Section) from the 1½ Mile Post at the Ninth Race Meeting, is also penalised by 2 lbs. and, as this pony is well suited over this distance, an upset is quite likely.

Kentucky Lad (Mr. R. Tsai) has been mentioned as the dark horse in this race. How true this is remains to be seen.

EIGHTH RACE
Mount Davis Plate: Six Furlongs.

This race is confined to Australian Subscription Ponies of 1953. Ponies which have won more than \$1,000 in stakes are barred. Weight 147 lbs. Penally 4 lbs. for winners of \$1,000 in stakes.

A perusal of the entries in this race gives me the impression that one need not look further than Norse Girl (Mr. Pote-Hunt) to win, judging by its 2½ mile run in the time of 2:03.2 last quarter 27.2 seconds on March 11 during training.

However, in view of the track work of Evening View (Mr. H. C.

THE GAMES KEEP SLIPPING AWAY FROM MELBOURNE

Canberra, Mar. 19.

Australians expect to know within 24 hours whether they will be hosts to the 1956 Olympic Games or not — and tonight the prospect is gloomy.

Neither State nor Federal government is prepared to pay the cost of accommodating the athletes who would crowd in from all over the world — a sum estimated at \$2,000,000 by the Victoria State Premier, Mr. John Cain.

The failure ended negotiations today between Mr. Cain, Councilor William Brenne, the Lord Mayor of Melbourne, and Mr. A. W. Cole, the Chairman of the Games Committee, on the question of building up an Olympic village in the Melbourne area.

Mr. Robert Menzies, the Australian Premier, had also said it was "out of the question" for the Commonwealth or the Government to make a special housing allocation to Victoria State for the purpose.

Tomorrow is the deadline for a complete reply by the Games Control Committee on phases of Melbourne's plans.

The report will go to the International Olympic authorities meeting in Mexico City on April 17. They will decide whether to allot the Games to Melbourne or to a rival city in some other land, unless Melbourne meantime withdraws its bid.

Big cities believed to be anxious to house the Games are Rome, Brussels, Lausanne, Buenos Aires, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Detroit, Tokyo and Mexico City.

"PASSED THE DUCK"
Mr. Cain commented after the conference: "We have passed the duck back to the Commonwealth. We have had to. Where do they think we can get \$2,000,000?"

Games officials suggested the use of Albert Park army barracks as the Games village, but the Federal Government rejected the idea.

At his press conference today, Mr. Menzies said any addition to the Victorian housing agreement was entirely unnecessary.

An amount was allotted for housing and by agreement between the States.

"If the Commonwealth said we want the Victorian Government to have some extra millions, we could not do that unless the other five States agreed."

"We are not running the Games. We have come in as a financial contributor," he added. — Reuter.

APRIL 17 DEADLINE
Chicago, Mar. 20.

Mr. Avery Brundage, President of the International Olympic Committee, said last night that Melbourne should say that it would build its own Olympic housing facilities or abandon the 1956 Games.

Told of the refusal of the State of Victoria in which Melbourne is located, to finance

Ph) on Tuesday, March 17 — over Six Furlongs in 1:32.1 — last quarter 27.3 seconds — it

All-England Badminton Championships Reach Semi-final Stage

Two Malay players, a Swede and a Canadian last night qualified for the Men's Singles semi-finals in the All-England Badminton Championships here.

Top-seeded Eddie Choong, young law student from Malaya, gained a 15-11, 15-7 victory over seasoned Danish international Poul Holm in the quarter-finals. Today he will play Nils Jonson of Sweden for a place in the final.

The other semi-final will be between Canadian Champion Don Smythe and Johnny Heath of Malaya. Smythe, the conqueror of India's S.L. Jain in the third round, is expected to meet Choong in the final.

Heath, whose quarter-final victory over Ole Jensen ended the Danish singles challenge, Heath beat Jensen 10-15 15-3 15-7 and will play Smythe tomorrow for a place in the final.

Heath well deserved his success because of his greater accuracy. After dropping the first game, he began to score to the corners and, having gained the measure of the Dan, he levelled the match at one game all. In the decider, Heath was generally in command while Jensen was inclined to hit out of court.

Denmark, who have dominated the women's event since 1939, provided two semi-finalists in their bid to maintain their superiority. They play British opponents today for places in the final.

The line-up will be: Miss Iri Cooley, England, versus Miss Marie Ussing, Denmark; Miss A. M. Horner, Scotland, versus Miss Ronzite Fris, Denmark.—Reuter.

TOO MUCH POWER

The Dane fought to the end, but Smythe carried too much power and scored many winners after drawing his opponent to the net and then passing him.

In the semi-final today, Choong will meet Swedish international Nils Jonson who eliminated Leir Jensen, the unseeded Dane, 15-8, 15-0.

Malaya will be represented in the second semi-final by H. A.

Touring Team Does Well At Perth

Perth, Mar. 19. The Australian cricket team, which is to tour England this summer, dismissed Western Australia for 179 in their three-day match which began here today, and by the close of play had replied with 86 for one wicket in their first innings. The Australian team, making their final appearance before leaving for England on March 22, were led by Vice-Captain Arthur Morris, in the absence of Lindsay Hassett.

FIGHTING INNINGS

After an early batting collapse, Western Australia's Captain, Wally Lambden, came to the rescue with a fighting innings of 56, typical of his Sheffield Shield play this season. He came in with three wickets down for 25 and with Robinson, who made 20, added 52 runs for the sixth wicket.

Another newcomer, Ray Strauss, attractively handled both fast and spin bowling confidently to score 46.

The Australian team's attack showed up well and Lindwall, Archer and Ring all took three wickets.

The Australians lost McDonald for only five, but Arthur Morris and Neil Harvey by the close had scored 81 and 47 not out respectively.—Reuter.

Light Blues' Crew Right Back In The Picture

Cambridge University boat race crew today roared the fastest full-course trial from Putney to Mortlake ever recorded, when they covered the 4 1/4 miles in 18 minutes 1 second. This was one minute faster than Oxford clocked in their trial row last week, and two minutes six seconds better than their own previous trial in the reverse direction. The time was only 11 seconds outside the record for the actual university boat race. This year's race is on March 28.

Cambridge had very fast conditions, there being a good tide on the River Thames and a following wind to help them. They got away well, rowing 34 strokes in the first minute, and reached the mile post in three minutes 54 seconds.

Above Barnes Bridge they were paced by an Isis Club crew, but Cambridge with a spurt at 35 reached the winning post a length ahead of the pacing eight.

Cambridge underdogs in the betting on the race, came right back into the picture as a result of today's great row. Oxford row a full course trial tomorrow.—Reuter.

REME Athletic Meeting

The Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (R.E.M.E.) held their annual athletic meeting at Bourne Street on Wednesday. Weather conditions were ideal, there being a gusty wind, but nevertheless the keenly contested events provided an interesting afternoon for the spectators.

The most outstanding time of the meeting was achieved by L/Cpl Jeffery who won the 220 yards race in 23.35 seconds. The R.E.M.E. Hongkong Challenge Cup was won by the "R.A. Units" team, which was composed of R.E.M.E. personnel at the R.E.M.E. Hongkong, A.A. Wkip, R.E.M.E. came team also won the Tug of War competition.

The band of the Royal Ulster Rifles played selections during the afternoon. Prizes were presented at the conclusion of the programme by Mrs. R. M. Brydges, wife of Lt-Col R. M. Brydges, Commander, R.E.M.E. Hongkong.

THE RESULTS

The full results were: 100 yards—1. Capt Mulvaney; 2. Cpl Jeffery; 3. Cpl Burnham (10.4 sec).

220 yards—1. L/Cpl Jeffery; 2. Cpl Burnham; 3. L/Cpl Smith (23.35 sec). 400 yards—1. Cpl Smith; 2. Cpl Beaufort; 3. Cpl Wallace (59.1 sec).

800 yards—1. Cpl Evans; 2. Cpl Walsh; 3. Cpl Wallace (2 min. 25 sec).

One Mile—1. Cpl Hammond; 2. Cpl Bennett; 3. Cpl Smith (5 min. 27 sec).

Three Miles—1. Cpl Hammond; 2. Cpl Bennett; 3. Cpl Smith (16 min. 45 sec).

Open Mile—1. Lt Wells; 2. R. S. (4 min. 32 sec).

4 x 100 yards relay—1. Capt Mulvaney; 2. Cpl Gueist; 3. Cpl Burnham (10.5 sec).

One Mile Medley relay—1. R.A. Units; 2. A.A. Wkip; 3. R.E.M.E. (19' 6").

"Chain of Command" relay—1. 11 Int Wkip; 2. R.A. Units; 3. R.E.M.E. (19' 6").

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NOTICE

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONGKONG PROBATE JURISDICTION

IN THE GOODS of Lookong Ng Cheng Hin, late of No. 23, Sharp Street, East, 1st floor, Happy Valley, Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, Merchant deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 55 of the Probate & Administration Ordinance, Cap. 10, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the estate of the above named deceased to the 3rd day of April, 1953.

All creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send in their claims to the undersigned on or before the said date.

Dated this 9th day of March, 1953.

DRUTON & CO.,
Solicitors for the Executor, Windsor House, Hongkong.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

a.s. "TAIYUAN"

arrived 18th March, 1953.

Damaged cargo ex this vessel will be surveyed by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf Godown at 10.00 a.m. on Monday 23rd March and Tuesday 24th March, 1953, and consignees representatives as requested to be present during survey.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.
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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

Consignees per NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA

a.s. "ARIMA MARU"

are hereby notified that their cargo is being discharged into the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co's godown where it will be at consignees risk and subject to the Wharf's terms and condition of storage, and where delivery may be obtained.

Damaged packages are to be left in the godown for examination by Consignees and the Company's surveyors, Messrs. Carmichael & Clarke at 10 a.m. on the 20th March, 1953.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations, consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godown, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 21st March, 1953, will be subject to rent.

All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 28th March, 1953, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

DODWELL & CO., LTD.
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Hongkong, 16th March, 1953.

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MARSK LINE

m.v. "LEXA MARSK"

having arrived from New York and Ports of call, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that their goods are being landed and placed at their risk and expense into the Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company's godown at Kowloon, where delivery may be obtained as soon as the goods are landed.

Optional cargo will not be landed here, unless notice has been given 48 hours prior to vessel's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

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All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined on 20th March, 1953 at 10 a.m. by our Surveyors Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouse Regulations consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

All claims must reach us before the 20th April, 1953, or they will not be recognised.

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JEBSEN & CO., Agents.
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DIVORCE ME IN MODERN MANNER: WIFE ASKS

London, Mar. 19.

A wife who wanted a divorce "in the modern manner" had her petition dismissed in the Divorce Court.

The couple were married in February 1949, when he was 27 and she 24. The wife left her husband in April 1951.

Both were Oxford graduates, educated people or, as they would call themselves, "civilised" people, said Mr Justice Davies. The husband went abroad in 1951 and while he was away his wife decided to leave him.

Her letters became less affectionate and then she asked for divorce, saying: "It is no longer possible to live with him. There have been divorces before and there will be again."

"Making all allowances for the fact that this was a young woman used to talking lightly and flippantly in the modern manner, I cannot accept that this letter was written by a wife whose husband had driven her away from home by cruelty," the judge said.

"It is rather the letter of a woman thinking—no modern people regard themselves as entitled to do—that it has all been a big mistake and it would be better to have a divorce."

When the husband returned to England he met his wife and she suggested a divorce "in the modern manner." He told her he would divorce her for desertion, and she replied: "Three years is a long time. Isn't that a bit uncivilised?"

Later she wrote that she intended to take divorce proceedings herself and saying: "Of course, if you decide to defend it will be possible to keep the affair quiet. I was hoping we might come to some civilised arrangement."

The wife, Mrs Frances Gillian Harper-Nelson, of Vallee Des Vaux, Jersey, alleged cruelty against her husband, Mr John Harper-Nelson, film script writer, of Isle of Mull, and Dolphin-square, S.W. He denied the charge.

The judge said Mrs Harper-Nelson's case was hopelessly exaggerated and many of her complaints rubbish. She would have her costs up to £150.

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London, Mar. 19.

Strip off the wrapping, put the kipper in a frying pan, serve and eat. No prodding, no careful munching for bones.

That is what New Yorkers are doing these days. The filleted kipper has arrived in their ritziest food stores.

And, rightly enough, it is named the "Edinburgher."

M.P.s heard about its arrival in the U.S. from Mr J. Henderson Stewart, Joint Under-Secretary for Scotland, of the British Kipper Exporters Ltd., the organisation formed by the Herring Industry Board, to boost sales abroad.

"This is only a pilot scheme at the moment," said Mr Archibald Fairley, secretary of Kipper Exporters, from his office in Glenfinlas-street, Edinburgh.

"But we are hoping it will go down well in America."

The "Edinburghers" are fingered kipper fish which have been stripped by hand from the bones.

The fillets are packed in transparent wrappings, quick frozen and shipped in crates.

The "Edinburghers" are unlikely to reach the home market for some time, he added.

But they would solve, he agreed, the problem of broken fast-time tempers frayed by the need to eat bones of the present kippers.

Coronation Visitors

Southampton, Mar. 19.

Sir Alexander Maxwell, leading British tourist agent, said today that between 30,000 and 40,000 Americans and Canadians were coming to London for the Coronation.

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"Push-Button" Factory Coming

Los Angeles, Mar. 19. A method of anticipating production bottlenecks an hour or even two months in advance is the latest step toward the push-button factory of tomorrow.

The procedure, which makes use of electronic devices in scheduling a plant's operations, is reported by an industrial research group financed by the U.S. Navy at the University of California at Los Angeles.

The project is directed by Dr. Melvin K. Salvenson, Assistant Professor of Production Management at UCLA's School of Business Administration. He says the new concept promises to be one of the most important advances in scientific production scheduling in 30 years.

"The semi-automatic factory of the future is already here piecemeal," Dr. Salvenson added. "For some businesses the heavy expenditures necessary to install electronic brains are economically feasible. For others that point has not been reached yet."

Plants in the latter category are likely users of the electronic scheduling computer for which Richard C. Canning worked out the basic design after intensive study of a 1,000-employee plant with Salvenson. Mr. Canning is electronics engineer for the project.

Tape With 'Memory'

He and Dr. Salvenson say that they can devise a scheduling system which will virtually eliminate the need for expeditors in factories. Most of the electronic equipment for such a system, they add, is commercially available.

Electrically-punched "data cards," high-speed electronic computers and magnetic tape which "remember" current information are part of the process by which the manager can obtain fast information on any phase of the factory's operation—past, present or future—say the researchers.

Whenever a machine tool becomes available, for instance, the electronic equipment would scan waiting shop orders and pick out the one with the highest priority. By changing priorities the production executive can vary the schedule until he gets one that looks good for the next two weeks or even months. This is merely one thing the system could do, Dr. Salvenson says.

WOULD PAY

Late deliveries caused by production interruptions and high inventories necessary to provide for unforeseen shortages cause overhead costs to soar and make many a production manager's job a nightmare, the researchers point out. Such situations can be straightened out by electronic scheduling, they maintain.

Dr. Salvenson and Mr. Canning believe their system at present is practical only for plants with more than 500 employees. They emphasize that the system must be tailored to fit individual companies.

Installing such a system in the plant which they studied would cost about \$250,000, they estimated. But high inventories would pay for itself in clerical help alone within three years, and savings from more efficient production would amount to from 3 to 10 per cent of the factory's annual output.—Associated Press.

Grain Prices In Chicago

Chicago, Mar. 19. Chicago grains and other leading commodities moved irregularly in quiet dealings with advances and declines about evenly divided. Evening up in March deliveries dominated the trade in grains. The news that the negotiations for a new International Wheat agreement had bogged down created some uneasiness. Wheat closed today 3 1/2 higher and soybeans were 3 1/2 lower to 3 1/2 higher. Prices closed as follows:—

Wheat—price per bushel	
Spot	2.30 1/2 nominal
March	2.30 1/2
May	2.31 1/2
July	2.32 1/2
September	2.33 1/2
December	2.34 1/2

Corn	
Spot	1.63
March	1.63 1/2
May	1.64 1/2
July	1.65 1/2
September	1.66 1/2
December	1.67 1/2

Rye	
March	1.70 1/2
May	1.71 1/2

Oats	
March	76 1/2
May	77 1/2
July	78 1/2
September	79 1/2
December	80 1/2

New York flour—per 20 lb. sack \$13.20 nominal.—United Press.

"Strong Man" Gets New Assignment TRYING TO SAVE LANC'S MARKETS

(From YORKE HENDERSON)

London, Mar. 19. An ex-council schoolboy who became the strong man of Britain's cotton industry, has been given the job of trying to save Lancashire's Colonial markets.

He is 62-year-old Sir Frank Platt, cotton-mills owner and one-time football club director—from 1919 to 1933 he directed Oldham Athletic F.C. as a recreation.

For months Lancashire's cotton men have been worrying about the probable non-renewal of Sterling Area restrictions on Japanese imports in the Colonies after the end of June.

They have fretted about the delay in announcing a decision one way or the other. Their particular worry has been their chance of holding on to the lucrative markets in East and West Africa.

In East Africa there were signs that local merchants were holding fire on cotton piece-good purchases until they saw which way the wind blew. They did not want to stock their shelves with Lancashire goods when there was the prospect of buying cheaper materials from Japan after June.

With the deadline looming dangerously near, the Cotton Board's standing committee on overseas trade policy formed an eight-man body to find a solution.

One suggestion which emerged was that British Overseas Cotton Ltd., be revived. This was the body set up during the war to boost British cotton exports.

FRESH EFFORT

The basic idea seemed acceptable. Co-operation was necessary, agreed the mill-owners. But for some reason they would not bear the idea of reviving BOC. The situation was desperate when the Board of Trade

Washington Conference On Wheat

Washington, Mar. 19. Reliable sources said today that the Canadian delegation at the International Wheat Council conference, apparently "despairing" of an agreement, asked that the conference end within three days.

This followed Canada's offer of \$2.10 a bushel for a new international wheat agreement. This was supported by the Australian delegation. It is understood that Canada made the offer to put on record that she was most anxious for an agreement to be reached and considered that the price asked by the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, Mr. Ezra Benson, of \$2.15 to be too high and unduly prejudicial to the Canadian Government.

These sources believed that Canada would be willing to descend to \$2.05 a bushel if an agreement could be reached. They said that the Canadian price proposal was vigorously supported by Australia but that the United States delegation made no comment.

At this stage, the sources understood, the Canadian delegation asked that the conference be wound up or at least adjourned within three days as, apparently, the Canadian Government deplored of further progress.

These sources added that several delegates of importing nations vigorously protested against the Canadian attitude by expressing their view that there was still a chance of success with further perseverance.

They understood that the British delegation remained grim and said nothing but a number of Continental delegates, apparently, managed to postpone a show-down on this so that the Canadian delegation did not insist on their suggestion for a breaking up of the conference by the end of the week.—United Press.

LONDON TIN MARKET

London, Mar. 19. The tin market was easy today. Turnover was 20 tons, including 10 tons for cash. Prices closed at the end of the official morning session as follows:—

Spot tin, buyers	91 1/2
Spot tin, sellers	92 1/2
Business done at	91 1/2-92 1/2
Three-month tin, buyers	93 1/2
Three-month tin, sellers	94 1/2
Business done at	93 1/2-94 1/2
Settlement	93 1/2

—United Press.

World Trade To Reach A New Peak?

New York, Mar. 19. World trade should reach a new peak this year, A. W. Zelomck, President of the International Statistical Bureau, a private organization, predicted.

America's share, however, may decline slightly, he forecast. But he said American imports in 1953 should equal or exceed the 1952 total. American exports, on the other hand, are expected to decline.

American producers will encounter more competition from abroad this year, Mr. Zelomck said, and American exports will probably not come up to the 1952 level. The American share in world trade should drop to about 20 per cent this year as the world economy returns to a more normal status. The U.S. share in 1952 was about 21 per cent.—Associated Press.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Stock Exchange this morning amounted to \$125,007.50. Noon transactions and the morning's transactions:—

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

BANKS	
HK Bank XD 1320	147
Union	147

INSURANCES	
Wing Lok	77 1/2
Underwriters	75

SHIPPING	
Asia Nav.	1.37 1/2
5500	1.37 1/2

DOCKS, ETC.	
N. P. Wharf	0.35
Dock	10.30 10.70 10.00 10 1/2
Wharves	7.10 7.20 6.00 6 1/2

LAND, ETC.	
HK Hotel XD 6.55	7
HK Land	47 1/2
100	47 1/2
Shui Lian	1.40 1 1/2
Humphreys	12.30 12 1/2
Realty	2.20 2 1/2

UTILITIES	
Tham XD 19.00	20 1/2
Star Ferry	103
C. Light (O)	9 1/2
C. Light (N)	9 1/2
Electric XD 15.30	16 1/2
1000	21 1/2

Markets

Singapore, Mar. 19.
Prices of rubber futures
used today as follows:—

COTTONS	
Ewo	2 1/2

The Rubber Markets

Singapore, Mar. 19. Prices of rubber futures closed today as follows:—

Number 1 rubber, per lb.	
March	73 1/2
April	73 1/2
May	73 1/2
June	73 1/2
Number 2 rubber, April	70-70 1/2
Number 3 rubber, April	67-67 1/2
Number 4 rubber, April	64-64 1/2
Spot rubber, unbleached	72 1/2-73 1/2
Blanket crepe	65-65 1/2
No. 1 pale crepe	65-65 1/2

LONDON MARKET

London, Mar. 19. The rubber market was easier today.

Number 1 rubber, in pence	
March	21 1/2
April	21 1/2
May	21 1/2
June	21 1/2
July	21 1/2
August	21 1/2
September	21 1/2
October/December	21 1/2

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:—

U.S. dollar (per \$1)	
5.00	9.97 1/2
10.00	19.95
100.00	199.50
Singapore (Straits)	1.24
PTC pilsners (per 100)	12.20

DECLINE IN BRITAIN'S SHARE OF SHIPPING

London, Mar. 19.

The relative decline in this country's share of the world's merchant shipping and the absolute decline in the tonnage of tramp ships under the United Kingdom flag cast their shadow over the annual meeting of the Chamber of Shipping, says The Times.

Mr Donald F. Anderson, in his presidential address, reminded the chamber that the gross tonnage of tramps had dropped from 3,500,000 in 1939 to 3,100,000 tons in 1950 and to 2,400,000 tons in 1952.

Moreover, the last three years' deliveries of new ships had not been much more than half the amount needed for full replacement.

The main cause has been the failure of depreciation allowances under the present tax system to under the cost of replacement at today's greatly enhanced prices. The depletion of capital resources, the threat to the maintenance of the merchant navy, and the need for remedial action were stressed in a special resolution passed by the chamber.

The danger of such a decline in tramp shipping, on which so much depends in peace and on which the first call is made in war, is of paramount importance.

STILL MORE SERIOUS. Though the decline has not yet spread to cargo liners, the owners of which are obliged to maintain their fleets in order to protect their berth trades, it may well be only a question of time if nothing is done to relieve the financial difficulties before taxation starts to eat away the liner fleets likewise.

To be without the ships in a time of emergency would be serious enough. It would be still more serious to be without the men.

Mr Anderson reminded the chamber that two of the most valuable assets of the British shipping industry were, first, the quality of the officers and men who manned the ships, and secondly, the possession of "the largest and most widely experienced selection of management ability of any shipping industry in the world."

It was management especially, he felt, that needed more attractive terms and prospects if recruitment to its ranks was not to suffer.

DANGERS GRAVE. Otherwise, shipping "will no longer get the right young men and in a generation will no longer be a first class industry."

Nothing, presumably, would do more to make the prospects appear unattractive than a tendency for the industry itself to contract.

These dangers are grave, says The Times. Shipping leaders are not exaggerating when they ascribe them so largely to the system of taxation.

The inadequacy of depreciation allowances is felt by all industry, but there is no answer to the assertion made by Mr Harmer, in proposing the special resolution at the Chamber's meeting that "our business is conducted under conditions of competition such as no land-based industry experiences."

In the case of shipping delay is already dangerous. By one means or another the decline in the tramp fleet must be stopped and the maintenance of British shipping as a whole assured, the newspaper declares.

Allocations In Taipei

Taipei, Mar. 19. The Economic Stabilisation Board has approved the allocation of US\$2,000,000 to two Government agencies, the Commodity Supply Bureau and the Central Trust, to import cotton goods and woolen cloth for sale in Taiwan.

The sales are expected to result in high profits reaching Taiwan \$18,000,000.—France-Press.

Cotton Prices In New York

New York, Mar. 19. Prices of cotton futures closed today as follows:—

Spot	
March	33.00
May	33.00-33.41
July	33.00-33.38
October	33.00-33.35
December	33.00-33.37 nominal
March	33.00
May	33.00 nominal
July	33.00 bid
October	33.00 bid
December	33.00 bid

—United Press.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

Spot	
March	33.00
May	33.00-33.37
July	33.00
October	33.00
December	33.00 bid
March	33.00 bid
May	33.00 bid
July	33.00 bid
October	33.00 bid
December	33.00 bid

—United Press.

Synthetic For Japan

Tokyo, Mar. 19. Applications for allocation of foreign exchange for importing synthetic rubber will be accepted until March 30. It was announced by the Ministry of International Trade and Industry. All importers are qualified to apply.—France-Press.

MESSAGERIES MARITIMES

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Outwards	Leaves	Hongkong	For
"FELIX ROUSSEL"	20 Mar.	20-22 Apr.	Manila
Homeward	Hongkong	22 Apr.	Via Saigon
"FELIX ROUSSEL"	22 Apr.	22 May	West Africa ports, via Djibouti to Madagascar.

FREIGHT SERVICE			
Outwards	Leaves	Hongkong	For
"MEINART"	Dunkirk—sailed	3 Apr.	Japan
"MONKAY"	Antwerp—8 Apr.	3 May	Japan
Homeward	Leaves	Hongkong	For
"ROUSSELLES"	Keelung—3 Apr.	7 Apr.	?
"MEINART"	Keelung—28 Apr.	30 Apr.	?
"FELIX ROUSSEL"	Keelung—28 Apr.	30 Apr.	?
"MONKAY"	Keelung—18 June	20 June	?

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ONE OF THE BEST YET

Richard Percy and Reginald Denham would, I think, have chuckled with delight if they could have seen the Hongkong Stage Club's cast enacting their unusual murder, "Ladies in Retirement" last night.

Surely never before in Hongkong did a play seem more written for its cast. The Stage Club had selected a cast of seven who understood the value of the play, and they certainly can act.

Of the four main parts, those of Albert and his aunt, it would be difficult to single out any one as being better played than another. Each was a performance that, frankly, one hardly hopes to find more than of them all, Christabel Wheatley as the housekeeper.



Christabel Wheatley as the housekeeper

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Harbour Rescue

Sir, — On the back page of your issue yesterday, you carried two pictures and a short story of the rescue of a man who fell overboard from a ferry and whose life was saved by the prompt rescue and application of artificial respiration. The photographs showed in one case, a sailor, Chan Hing, and another who had carried out the rescue, a young man, Chan Hing, applying the artificial respiration.

In another column of the same page you carried a report concerning the success of the recent dress show in aid of the Hongkong Sea Training School & Boys' Camp at Stanley.

It might be of interest to your readers and to our well-wishers as a whole to know that the sailor, Chan Hing, whose prompt and efficient action was largely responsible for the saving of the life, was trained at the Hongkong Sea Training School & Boys' Camp.

BROOK BERNACCHI,
Acting Chairman.

BOY KNOCKED DOWN BY CAR

A little boy, Chan Ho-ming, of 30 Argyll Street, second floor, was knocked down by a private car driven by a European woman at about noon today in Nathan Road near Nelson Street.

The victim was removed to Kowloon Hospital.

1953 Spring and Summer fashions: THE AMERICAN CHOICE

Just unpacked by PAA



Vogue thinks that slenderness, American slenderness, will be America's choice this Spring. Some to be full, some late-day skirts, some evening skirts, the skirts of some prints, of summer dresses. Mode Elite has just received these newest creations from America in cottons, Orton tweeds, rayon, acetate. At moderate prices.

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Humphreys' \$565,093 Profit

A net profit of \$565,093 for the year ended December 31, 1952, was announced by Mr. W. A. Stewart, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Humphreys Estate and Finance Co., Ltd., at the Company's ordinary yearly meeting held today. A dividend of \$100 free of tax was allocated.

In his report, the Chairman said that the Company's revenue was gradually improving but the net profit still represented a very moderate return on the book value of properties and an extremely small return on replacement values.

The Chairman said: "The net profit on normal working for the year 1952 is \$565,093. To this is added profit on sale of property of \$600,812 and the balance brought forward from 1951 of \$31,805, making available for appropriation a total of \$1,237,710. The recommendations of the Directors in the dealing with this balance are set out in my report and I trust they meet with your approval."

The Profit & Loss Account discloses that, in comparison with the previous year, revenue was greater by \$29,472, and expenses were lower by \$19,147, making a net gain of \$48,619. Expenses are shown in as much detail as possible and most fluctuations are self-explanatory. The only items to which it might draw attention are (1) a reduction in bank interest of \$17,447, and (2) a reduction in salaries of \$18,424. Apart from maintenance charges and bank interest, which are subject to fluctuation, expenses are now on the normal economical basis.

Turning to the Profit & Loss Appropriation Account, you will observe a credit of \$600,812 which represents the net profit on sale of our Minden Avenue and Mody Road sites. As I mentioned last year, it is intended to retain the proceeds from this sale to help in financing further contemplated development of our May Road properties and sites.

BALANCE SHEET

The Balance Sheet discloses that Current Liabilities exceed Current Assets by \$235,729—an improvement on the position at 31st Dec. 1951, of \$200,000. The balance of payment of \$200,000—on sale of the Minden Avenue property, which is due for settlement on 31st March, 1953. Provisions for Special Repairs of \$200,000 and Contingencies of \$100,000 are considered to be ample for the Company's requirements and the only future provision shown on the balance sheet is for depreciation and amortisation of Crown Leases.

The Company's revenue is gradually improving, but the net profit still represents a very moderate return on the book value of properties and an extremely small return on replacement values. Repairs and maintenance on many of our buildings are long overdue and our future accounts are likely to show a heavy expenditure under these headings. The report of the Committee appointed to examine the only future provision shown on the balance sheet is not yet released and we only hope that this will contain recommendations for equitable adjustments of rentals more realistic to current values.

The report and accounts were seconded by Mr. William Chalmers. On the proposal of Mr. Pierre Marzuly, seconded by Mr. P. E. Clark, the present directors, Mr. W. A. Stewart (Chairman), C. Baker, H. Kadovick, Dr. H. V. Chau and the Rev. Fr. E. Tournier, were re-elected directors. Messrs. Mitchell & Co. were re-appointed auditors, proposed by Mr. Paul Caldera and seconded by Mr. P. Marzuly.

HK Tramways Meeting

The Hongkong Tramways, Limited held its annual general meeting at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., this morning.

Mr. R. Gordon, Chairman of the Board of Directors, presided at the meeting. Re-elected as directors of the company were the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, Mr. H. D. Benham, Mr. G. E. Morden, and Mr. R. Gordon.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews were re-appointed auditors.

Denies Brothel Charge

Kwok Wah-tan, 62-year-old licensee of Great Eastern Hotel, pleaded not guilty to a charge of allowing certain premises on the first floor of his hotel to be used as a brothel, when he appeared before Mr. Hing-shing Lo at Central this morning.

The defendant was allowed bail of \$500 and remanded for one week.

Mr. J. M. Almada Remedios, is appearing for the defendant.

8 MONTHS FOR HOUSEBOY

Pleading guilty to four charges of unlawfully pawing certain woollen articles and clothing, the property of Mr. A. G. Dalziel, Wong Ling, 27-year-old houseboy of the complainant, was sentenced to a total of eight months hard labour by Mr. Hing-shing Lo at Central today.

Escape From Polish Captors



Counsel's Submissions In Property Dispute

Mr D. A. L. Wright was the first of the three Counsel to sum up today in the property dispute which is being heard before Mr Justice Williams at the Supreme Court.

Latest Official Appointments

The following appointments were gazetted this morning: Mr. Yau Ka-po and Mr. Yam Sui-chung to be Food Officers; Mr. Edward Collins, MA (Cant.), FRIC, and Mr. Richard Creece, MSc (Econ.), AICES, to be analysts for the purposes of the Adulterated Food and Drugs Ordinance; Mr. Robert Marshall Hetherington, DFC, BA, to exercise and discharge all the discretions, powers and duties of the Director of Commerce and Industry.

Miss Margaret Buchanan, SRN, SCM, to be Nursing Sister; Dr. Geoffrey Carol Franklin, BA, MBChB, MRCS, LRCP, to be Medical Officer; Mr. Frank Ronald Whitehead, BSc, to be Engineer, Public Works Department; Joseph Kin Hing-leung, MSc (Eng), to be Temporary Engineer, Public Works Department; Mr. Raymond Henry Woodman, BSc (Eng) (Lond), to be an authorised officer under the Waterworks Ordinance; Mr. Arthur William Thomas White, MSc (Eng), to act as Chief Health Inspector, Sanitary Department, during the absence of Mr. Eric Norman Ponsford, MRSan I.

Mr. Alexander Provan Weir to be an Official Member of the Legislative Council during the absence of the Hon. T. L. Bowring, OBE, Mr. Cedric Blaker, MC, ED, to be an Unofficial Member of the Executive Council; Mr. F. C. B. Black to be a member of the panel of the Board of Review; Mr. Francisco Xavier D'Almada o Castro to be a member of the Board of Education vice Mr. Porphyrio Maria Nolasco da Silva Jr. (Resigned).

The following to be members of the Banking Advisory Committee for the period of one year: The Hon. the Financial Secretary, Mr. Kan Tong-po; Mr. R. P. Moodie; Mr. H. R. Cleland, CA; Mr. R. C. Lemmon, ASAA.

The following appointment in the Royal Hongkong Defence Force was gazetted this morning: Private Alan Tregarthen Trencery to be Lieutenant.

INTELLIGENCE TEST SOLUTION

This puzzle is simply solved if tackled with the aid of a diagram.

Since no member nominates the member by whom he is nominated himself, there can be no cycle relationship involving all five members.

Draw a circle and points on its periphery as follows: Let the nominations be in clockwise order. Then if A is v, B must be y and C must be x. It follows that w is C and z is E. Consistent nomination. Answer: E. London Express Service.

Mr Wright appears with Mr S. V. Gillies for the Henry G. Leong Estates, Ltd. (both instructed by Mr. J. H. Prior), the first defendants in a case in which the plaintiff, Chan Yui, alias Chan Yui-hing, merchant of 2 Humphreys Avenue, ground floor, is asking the Court that mortgages on two premises (2 Humphreys Avenue and 7 Hart Avenue) be declared null and void; and that an order for the mortgages be discharged from the Land Register; and for declarations that he is solely entitled in law and equity to the properties.

He is also suing for damages for fraud against his father-in-law, Mr. Choo-tick and his brother-in-law, Ng Chi-chung, both residing at 2 Humphreys Avenue first floor. The second and third defendants are represented by Mr. Charles Loseby, QC, instructed by Stewart and Company, while the Hon. Leo Hing-shing QC and Eric Brook Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. Peter H. Sin, appear for the plaintiff.

On the request of Mr. Loseby, supported by Mr. Wright, the Judge refused permission for Mr. d'Almada to call a further witness this morning.

Plaintiff's case is that his wife, now dead, bought the properties for him in his name, Chan Yui-hing. Defence alleges that Chan Yui-hing is the name of his wife's youngest sister who is the true owner of the property.

HANDWRITING PROOF

Mr. Wright submitted that the plaintiff's case depended on his being able to prove that the handwriting on four documents—the original assignment, a smaller document signed the day after, and two powers of attorney—was not the same. He had to prove that the first two documents were signed by his wife, and the only evidence he brought was his word.

"One would have thought he would have brought a handwriting expert," Mr. Wright said. "On the other hand we brought an expert who gave sound reasons for his opinions that the four signatures were the same."

Indisputably, Mr. Wright said, the assignment and memo were signed by the same person, similarly the two powers of attorney were signed by the same person. The expert, the husband of the younger sister, and an independent witness, all agreed that the younger sister's signature was on all four documents. The plaintiff had only his word against "an impressive array of evidence."

Mr. Wright also pointed out that the younger sister had always had control of the documents, whereas the plaintiff had testified that he had not even seen them—he had said that his wife kept them for him. The younger sister had used them for the mortgage and she or her husband had always collected the rents, indeed they were doing so up to the present moment. How had the younger sister come to possess them at all if what the plaintiff said was true?

Counsel also stressed the difficulty which had been experienced in persuading the plaintiff to come to Court, and how reluctant he had been to give evidence.

The case is proceeding.

Members of the crew of the fishing boat Thailand, discharge their catch of salmon at Ronne Harbour, Bornholm. The Thailand was one of the six Danish fishing boats, with a crew of 30 Danes aboard, which were seized by the Poles in Hela Bay, near Danzig, but which successfully broke away from the Polish escort.—London Express.

Exhilarating Xavier Cugat Show

Xavier Cugat, his band, and his supporting artistes, last night measured up to highest expectations when they made their debut in Hongkong at the Lee Theatre before a capacity house, which included His Excellency the Governor and Lady Grantham.

The Cugat band dominated the entire programme. It did not matter whether the "spinel" performers of the moment were The Four Slop Brothers, the Mambo team of Los Barrancos, Tulara Lee, the McQuag Twins with their close harmony, Juan Guerrero with his pol-pouri of Latin American songs, or even Guest Artist Abbe Lane—the Cugat orchestra was omnipresent.

Nothing approaching it has been heard "live" in the Colony before; nor did it ever pall. The mass section alone was worth the entrance money to hear.

Apart from the exhilarating playing of the orchestra the highlights of last night's programme were the Four Slop Brothers, whose dancing left one breathless; Los Barrancos, whose exhibition of Latin-American dances was exquisitely polished; Tulara Lee, whose versatility is remarkable and who, with her "stinger", had the house in fits of mirth with a display of acrobatics; and Juan Guerrero, who showed off a voice of considerable range, power and expression.

But, in truth, the entire company was first-rate, and on this showing alone Xavier Cugat is assured of a highly successful season in Hongkong.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Programme Summary: 6.00, Children's Hour, presented by Sally Ann (Studio); 6.15, Stories from World History—Pierre Radisson (HBCTS); 6.30, Old Time Ballroom—Sydney Thompson and his Orchestra; 7.00, News and News Talk (Studio); 7.15, Talking about Hongkong (BBC); 7.30, Music Lovers' Hour (HBCTS); 7.45, Double Date—Bob Hope and Friends; 8.00, Weather Report; 8.15, Serenade—sung by Beniamino (Teatro); 8.30, Travels from Memory—by Patricia Russell O.M.; 8.45, Double Date—Bob Hope and Friends; 9.00, Classical Records presented by Chris Johnson (Studio); 10.15, The World of Movement—F.M. Future Programme; 10.30, M.L. Elliott, F.R.S. (London); 10.45, Double Date—Bob Hope and Friends; 11.00, Weather Report; 11.15, Goodnight Music; 11.30, Close Down.

APPEAL AGAINST FORFEITURE OF CARGO

An appeal against a forfeiture order made by a Magistrate in respect of a cargo of tinplate seized on board a junk off Sai Wan on June 18, 1952, was heard before Mr Justice C. W. Reece, Puisne Judge, in the Appeal Court this morning.

The appellants, Chang Sui-pun and Chan Cheung-fat, were represented by Mr. A. J. Clifford, instructed by Mr. A. Y. Hon, Mr. D. F. O'Reilly Mayne, Crown Counsel, appeared for the Crown. Mr. Clifford said that the forfeiture order was made on a completely mistaken ground in that the order was applied for under Section 14 (3) of the Importation and Exportation Ordinance when the date of the alleged offence was June 18, 1952. Counsel said that Ordinance had been amended by Ordinance 21 of 1952 which came into law on June 20, 1952.

The Crown's application alleged that there had been an attempted export of prohibited goods, and forfeiture had been asked for and given on that ground. There were four charges preferred, the first being under the Defence Regulations and the other three under the Merchant Shipping Ordinance. Counsel submitted the Magistrate had no jurisdiction under Section 14 (3) of the Importation and Exportation Ordinance to order forfeiture, as that particular section only referred to offences under that particular Ordinance.

NOT ADEQUATE

Replying, Mr. O'Reilly Mayne said that appellants' arguments were not covered in the grounds of appeal in that no particulars were included and they were therefore not adequate. Although the application for forfeiture had been made to the Magistrate under the Importation and Exportation Ordinance—and Crown Counsel conceded that the application as presented was wrongly conceived—it was his submission that despite that it was still valid for the Magistrate to make the order he did. Counsel quoted Regulation 84 of the Defence Regulations which he said gave the Magistrate power to order forfeiture provided the Magistrate was satisfied that offences had been committed against that Regulation.

Mr. Clifford declared that if the Appeal Court was going to confirm what Crown Counsel had submitted, then it must substitute an order under the Importation and Exportation Ordinance for an order under a totally different section of a totally different law. He submitted it was clear from the record that the Magistrate in ordering forfeiture had directed his mind to the Importation and Exportation Ordinance.

Adjourning the appeal sine die, His Lordship said he would like time to consider Counsel's submissions.

Mail Notices

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FRIDAY, MARCH 20	
By Air	Indo-China, France, French North & West Africa, 4.30 p.m., Air Vietnam.
By Surface	Philippines, Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 5 p.m., P.A.A.
By Air	Formosa, Okinawa, U.S.A. (Seattle & Western States) Canada, 6 p.m., M.A.L.
By Surface	N. Borneo, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m., Q.E.A.
By Air	Malaya, Indonesia, Ceylon, Middle East, 6 p.m., B.O.A.C.
By Surface	Japan, 6 p.m., B.O.A.C.
By Air	Macao, 10.30 a.m.; 6 p.m., ss Kwong Fook Cheung, TAI SHING.
SATURDAY, MARCH 21	
By Air	Slam, Burma, India, Pakistan, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, Noon, via B.O.A.C.
By Surface	Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m., P.A.A.
By Air	Formosa, 6 p.m., C.A.T.
By Surface	Japan, 6 p.m., B.O.A.C.
By Air	Macao, 10.30 a.m.; 6 p.m., ss Kwong Fook Cheung, TAI SHING.
By Surface	China, People's Republic, 8.30 a.m., 6 p.m., train via Canton.
By Air	Malaya, Ceylon, Aden, Middle East, Italy, Great Britain & Europe, 11 a.m., ss Breconshire.
By Surface	Indo-China, 1 p.m., ss Lexa.
By Air	Malaya, Ceylon, Aden, Middle East, Italy, Great Britain & Europe, 11 a.m., ss Breconshire.
By Surface	Indo-China, 1 p.m., ss Lexa.
By Air	Formosa, 1 p.m., ss Wing Sang.
By Surface	Philippines, 2 p.m., ss Pres. Polk.
SUNDAY, MARCH 22	
By Air	Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 4.30 p.m., via C.P.A.
By Surface	Macao, 2 p.m., ss Tai Loy.

Offending Caption

Our attention has been drawn to the caption applied to a picture of President Peron during his State visit to Chile which appeared in the China Mail on March 13, in which he was described as the "Argentine Dictator." Objection has been taken to the description. No discourtesy was intended and we regret any offence which the caption may have caused.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"We've missed you at club meetings. Luoloi! Have you taken up some new hobby?"

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